Greece

Country report card

This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity . Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

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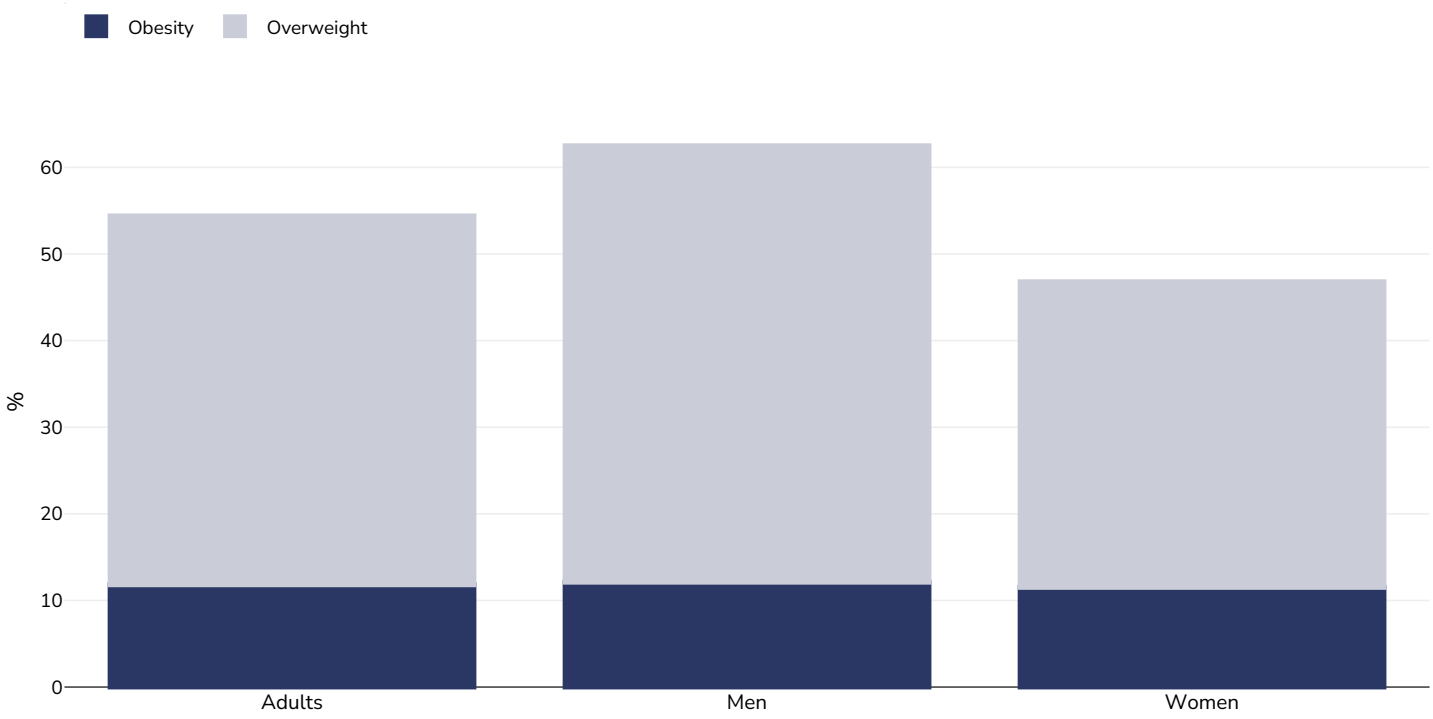
Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2022



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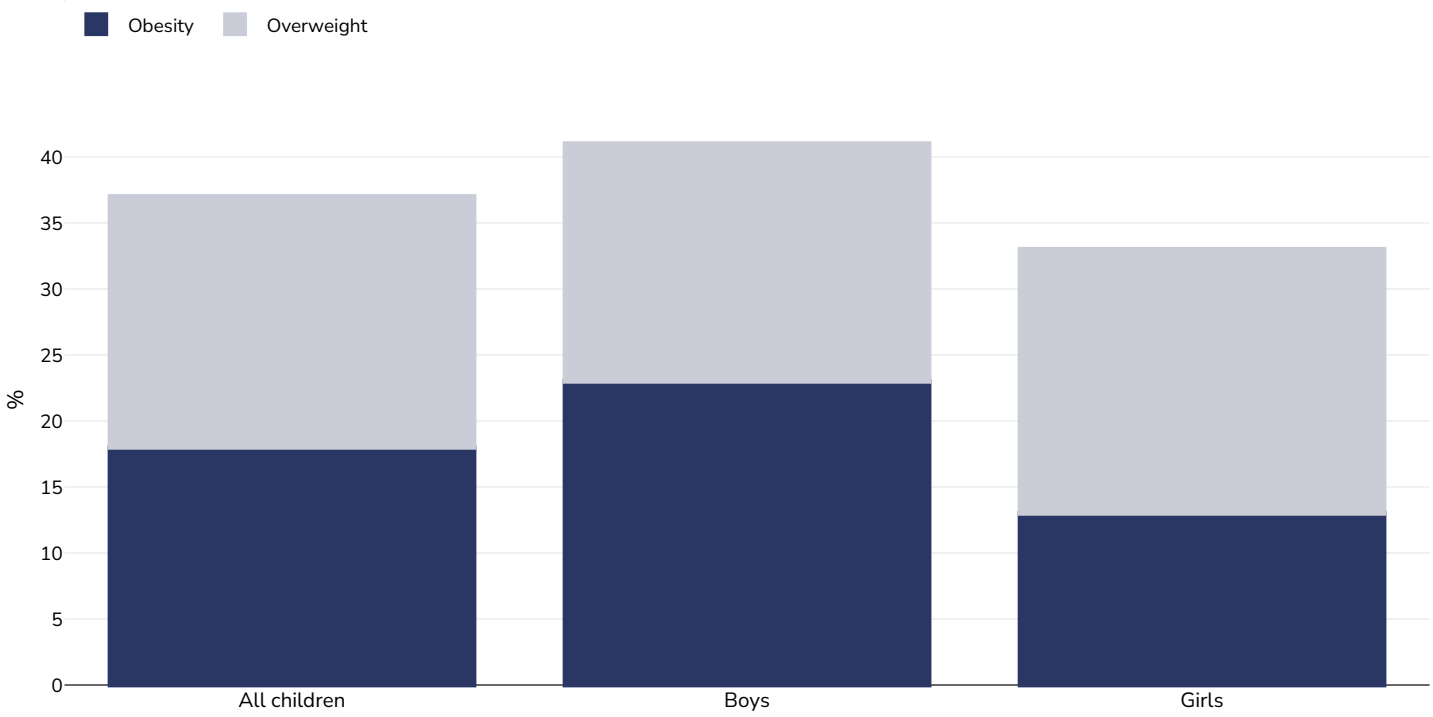
Children, 2022-2024



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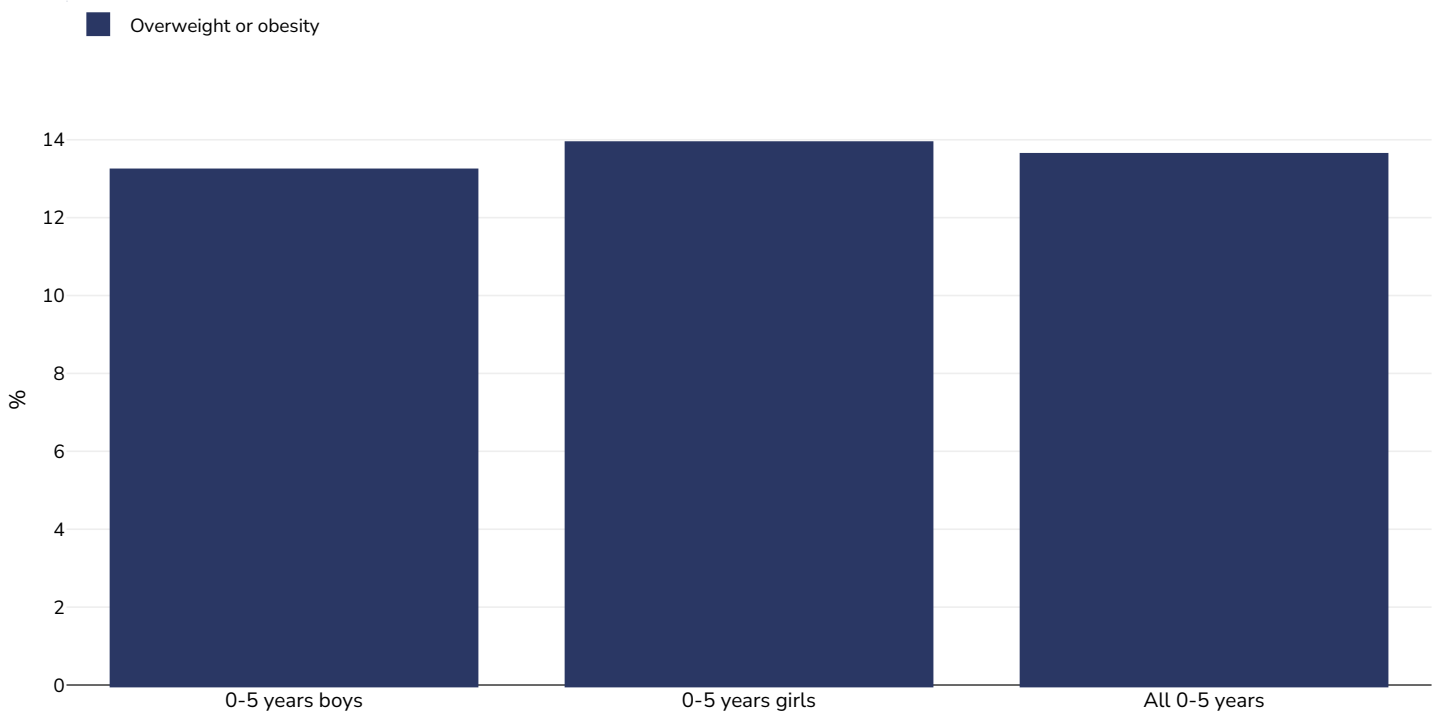
References:	WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI): A brief review of results from round 6 of COSI (2022-2024). Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.
Cutoffs:	WHO 2007

0-5 years, 2003-2004



Age:	0-5
Sample size:	2239
References:	NNS: Greece 2003-2004 Growth, Exercise and Nutrition Epidemiological Study In preSchoolers (The GENESIS) Study
Notes:	UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight (Survey Estimates), May 2023, New York. For more information about the methodology, please consult https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme-2023-country-consultations/ Percentage of children under 5 years of age falling above 2 standard deviations (moderate and severe) from the median weight-for-height of the reference population.
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Trend adult obesity 2000 2019

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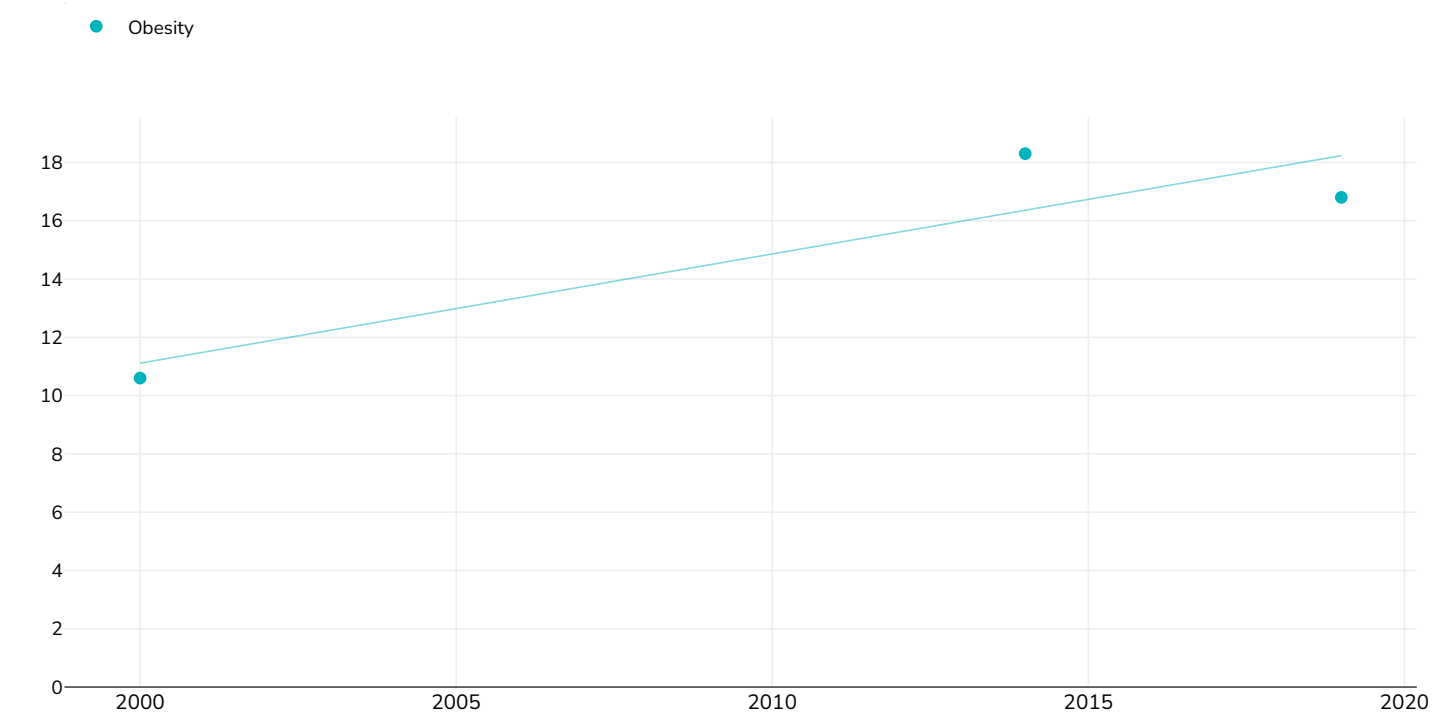

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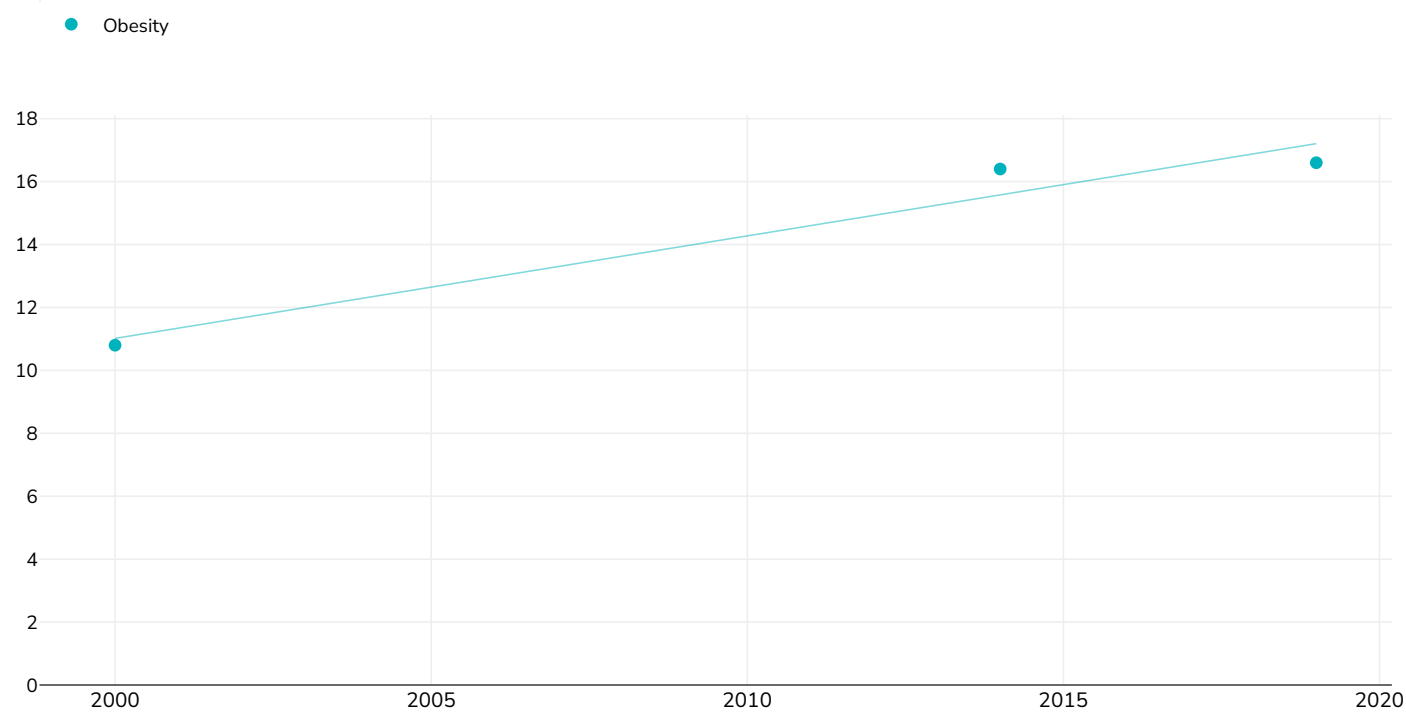
Women



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Trend adult overweight obesity 2000 2019

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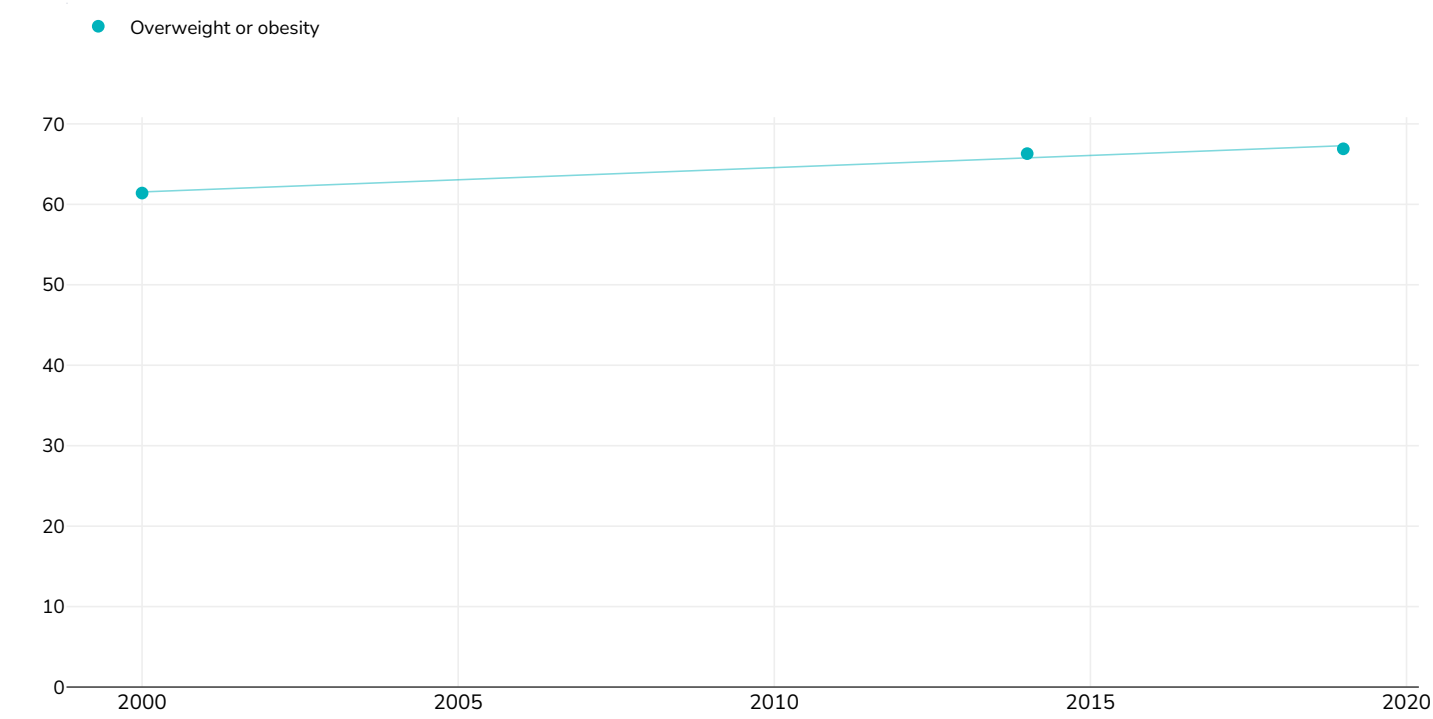

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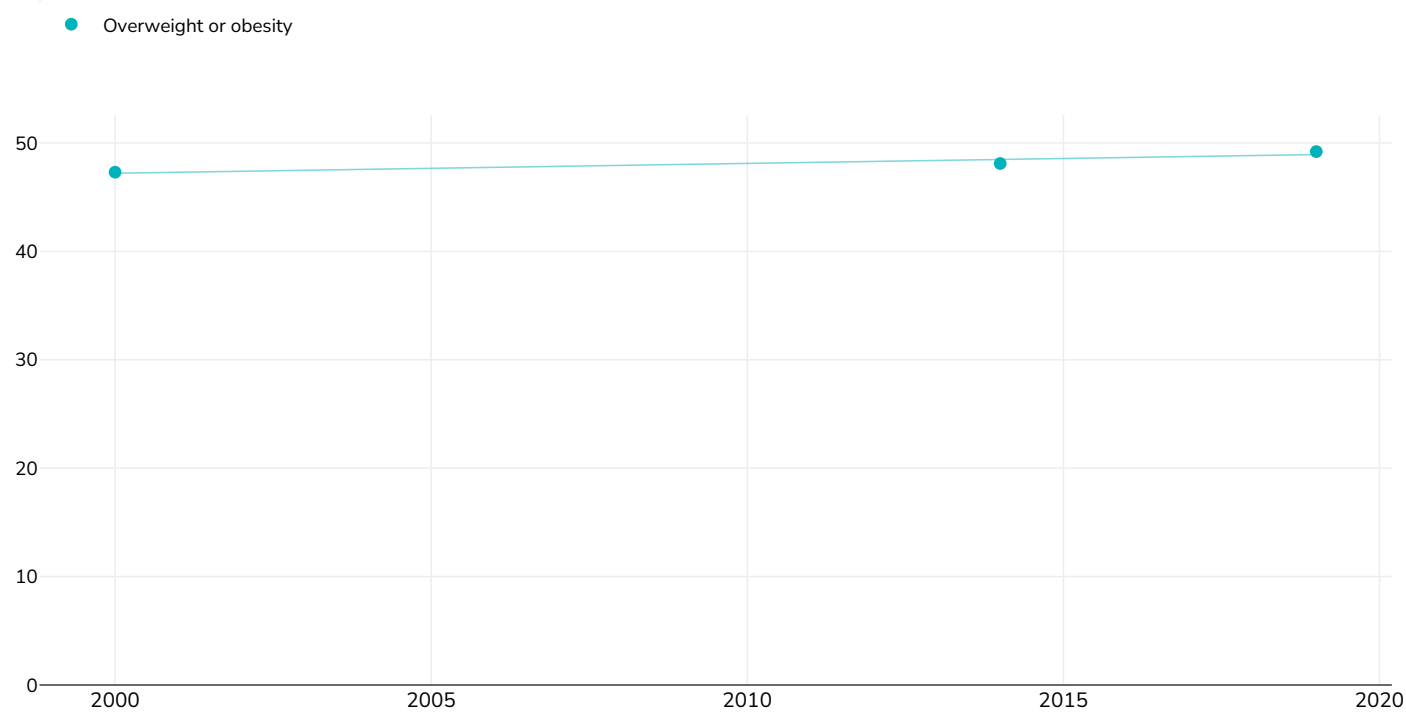

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Overweight/obesity by age and education

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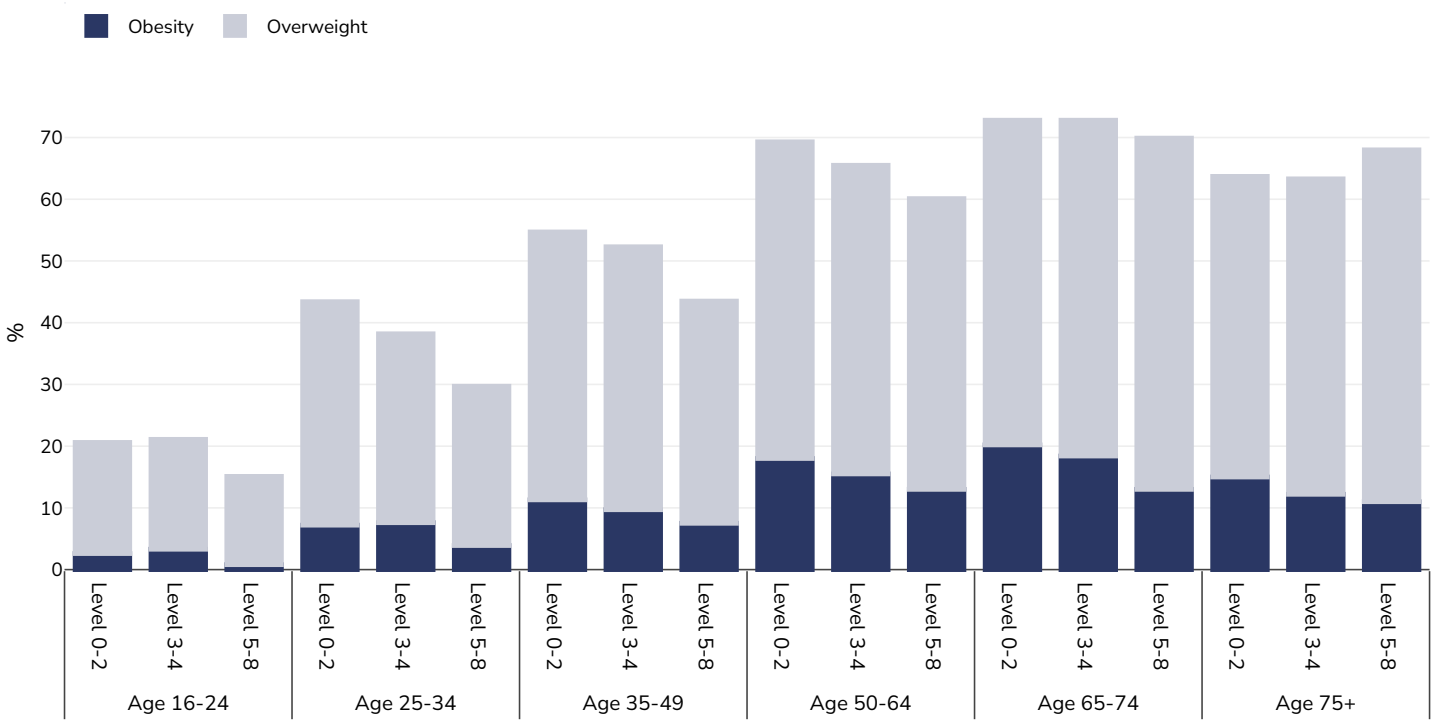

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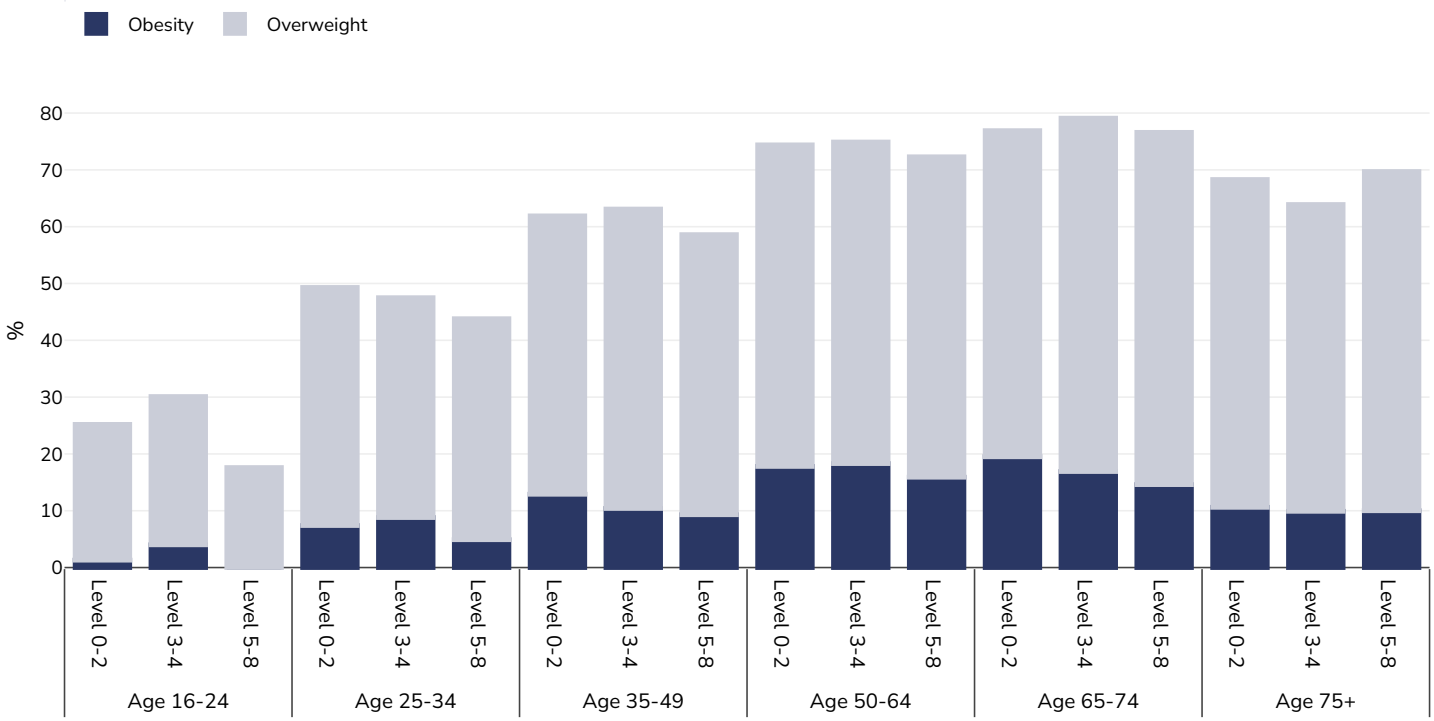
Men, 2022



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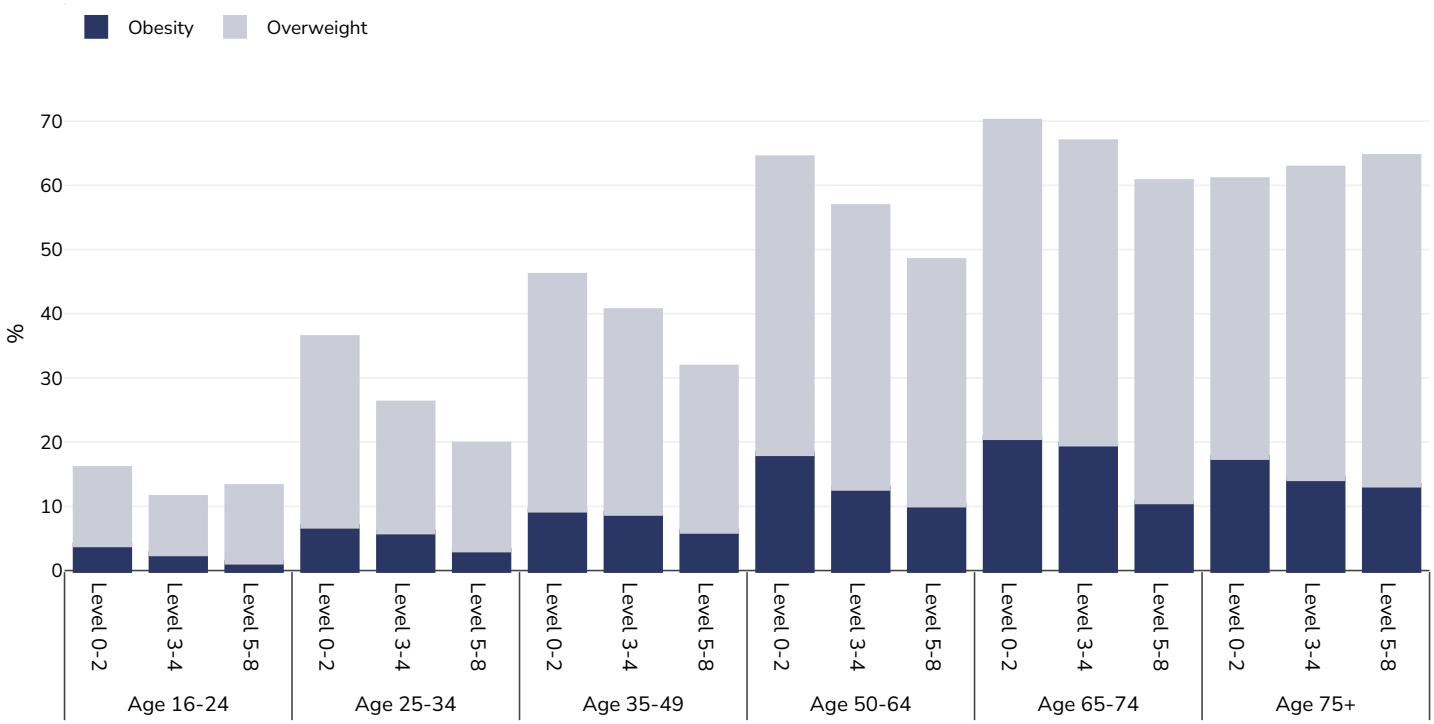

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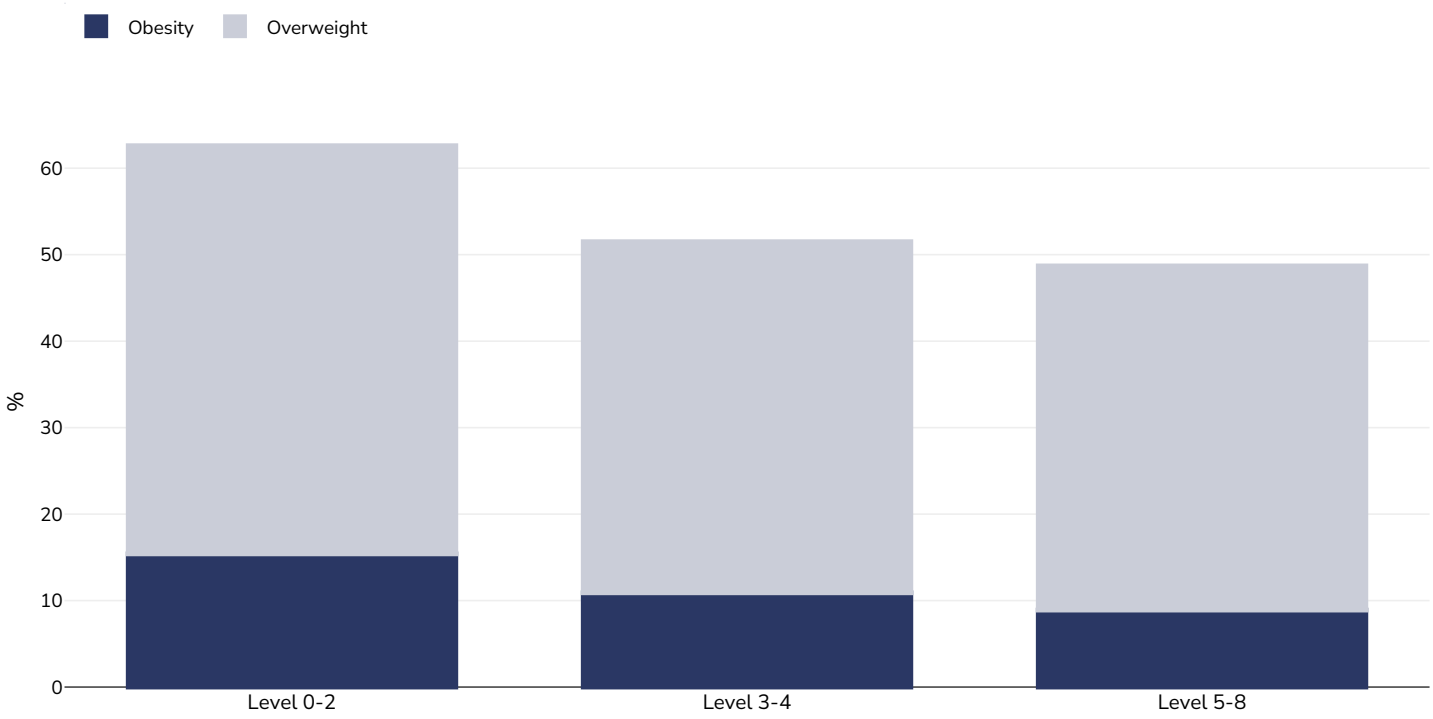
Overweight/obesity by education

Adults, 2022



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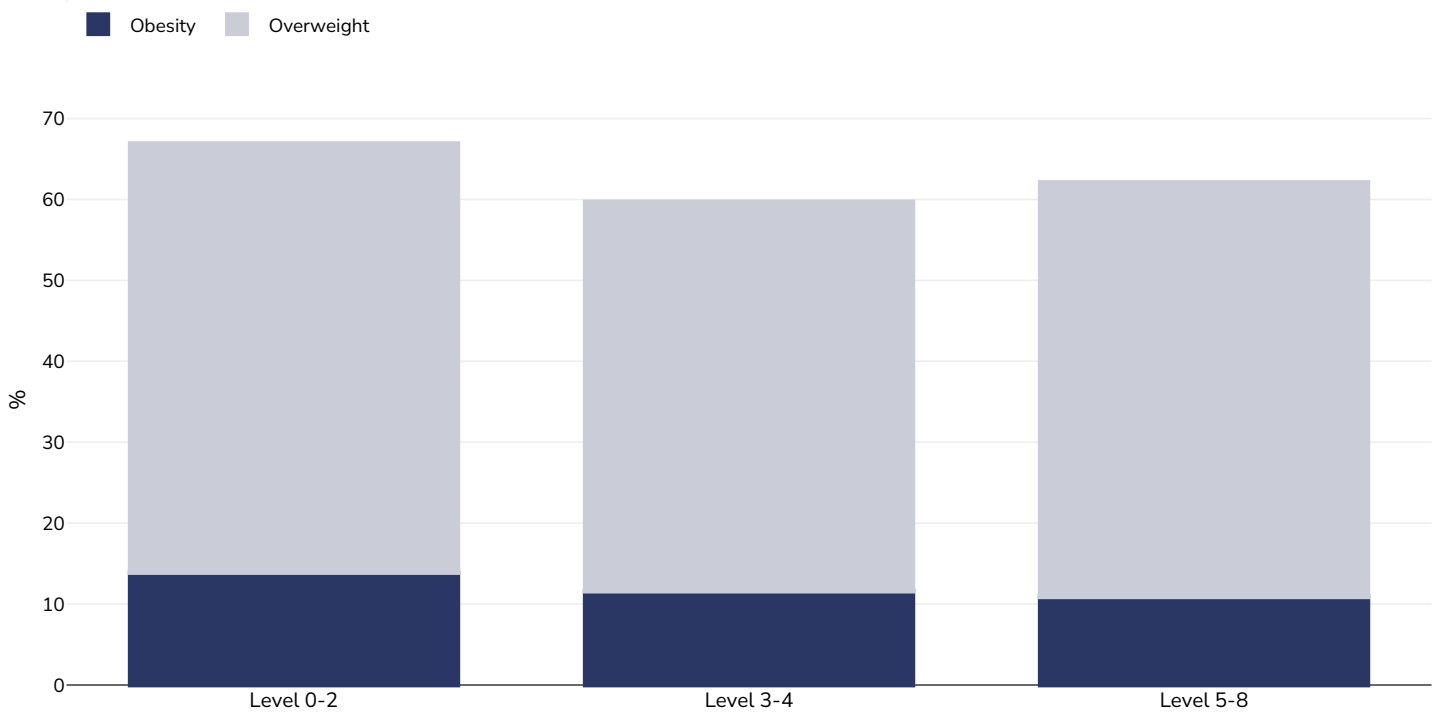

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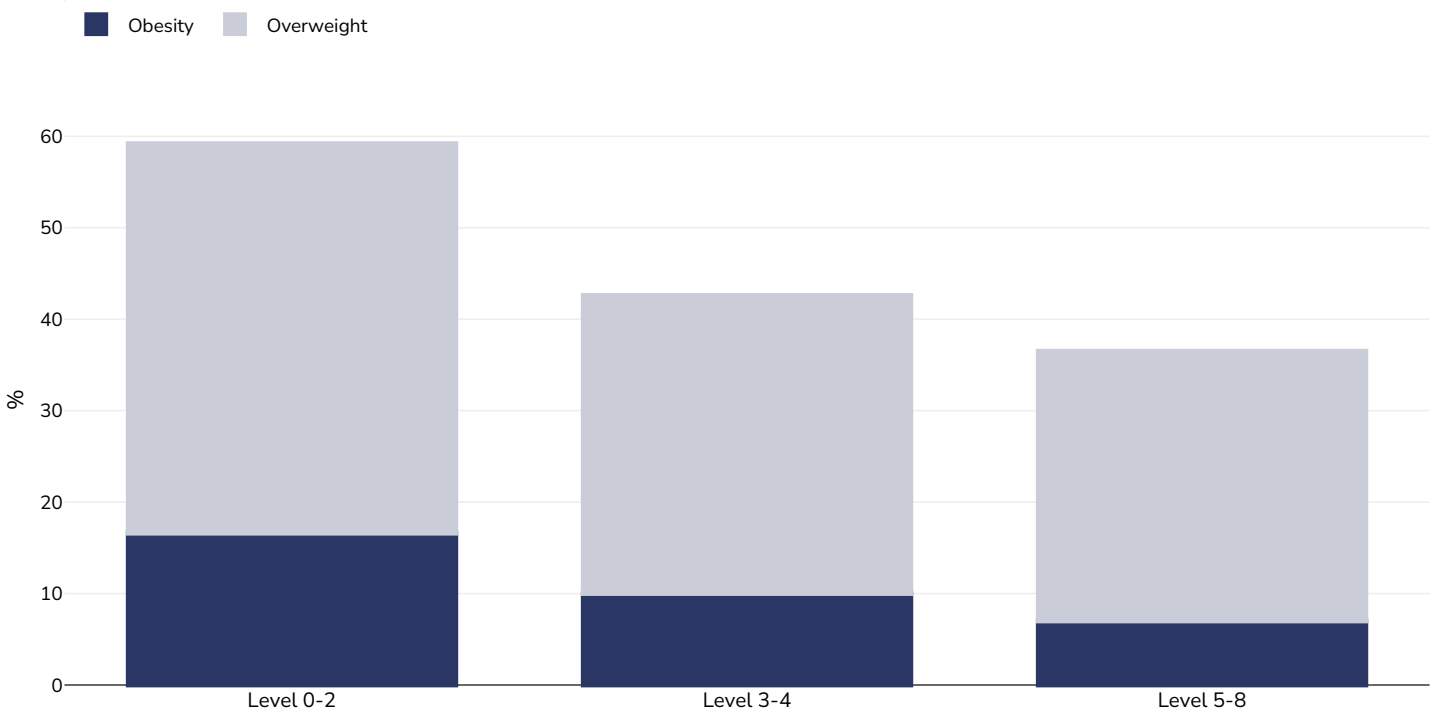
Women, 2022



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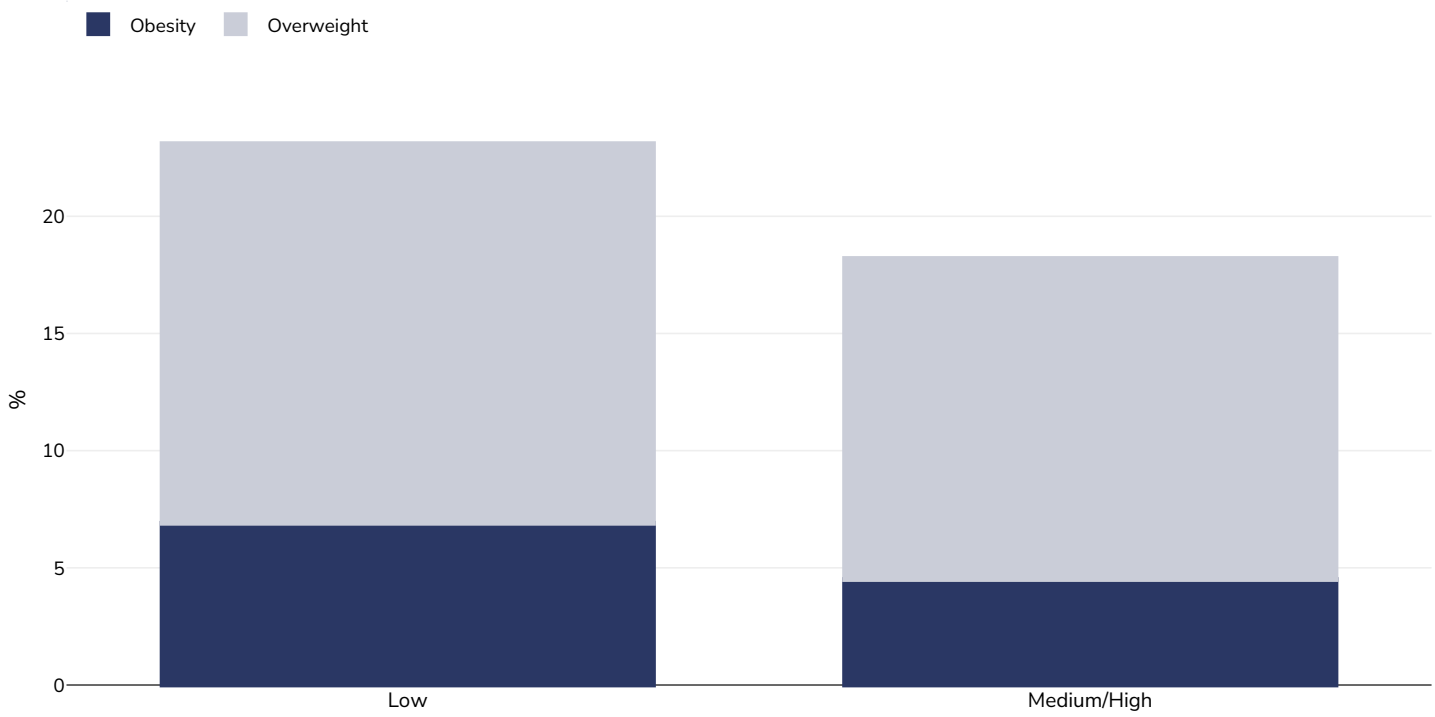
Children, 2012



Survey type:	Measured
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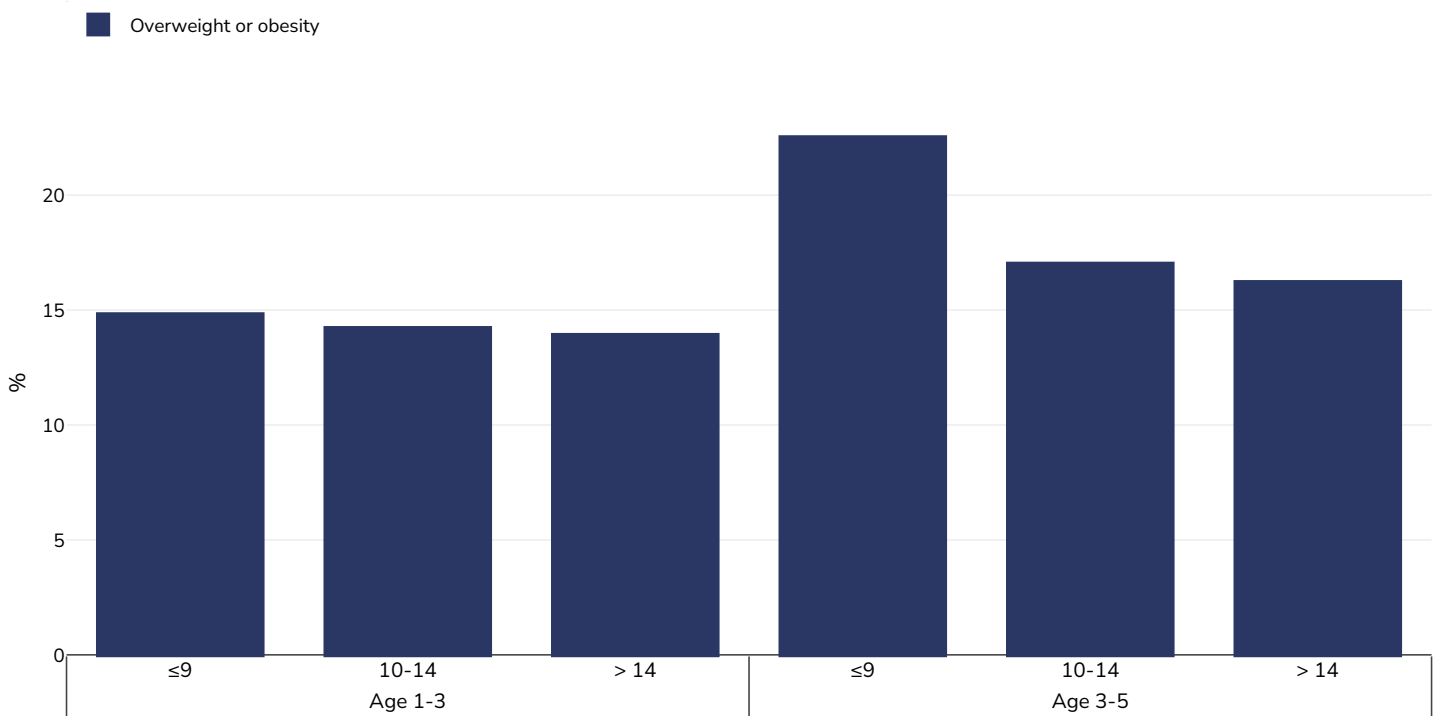
Sample size:	1229
Area covered:	Subnational- Athens
References:	Manios, Y. et al. (2018). Prevalence and sociodemographic correlates of overweight and obesity in a large Pan-European cohort of preschool children and their families: The ToyBox-study. Nutrition. 55-56, pp.1-7.
Notes:	IOTF International cut-offs used. Low Maternal education classed as <14 y of education. Medium/high Maternal education classed as >14 y of education.
Cutoffs:	IOTF

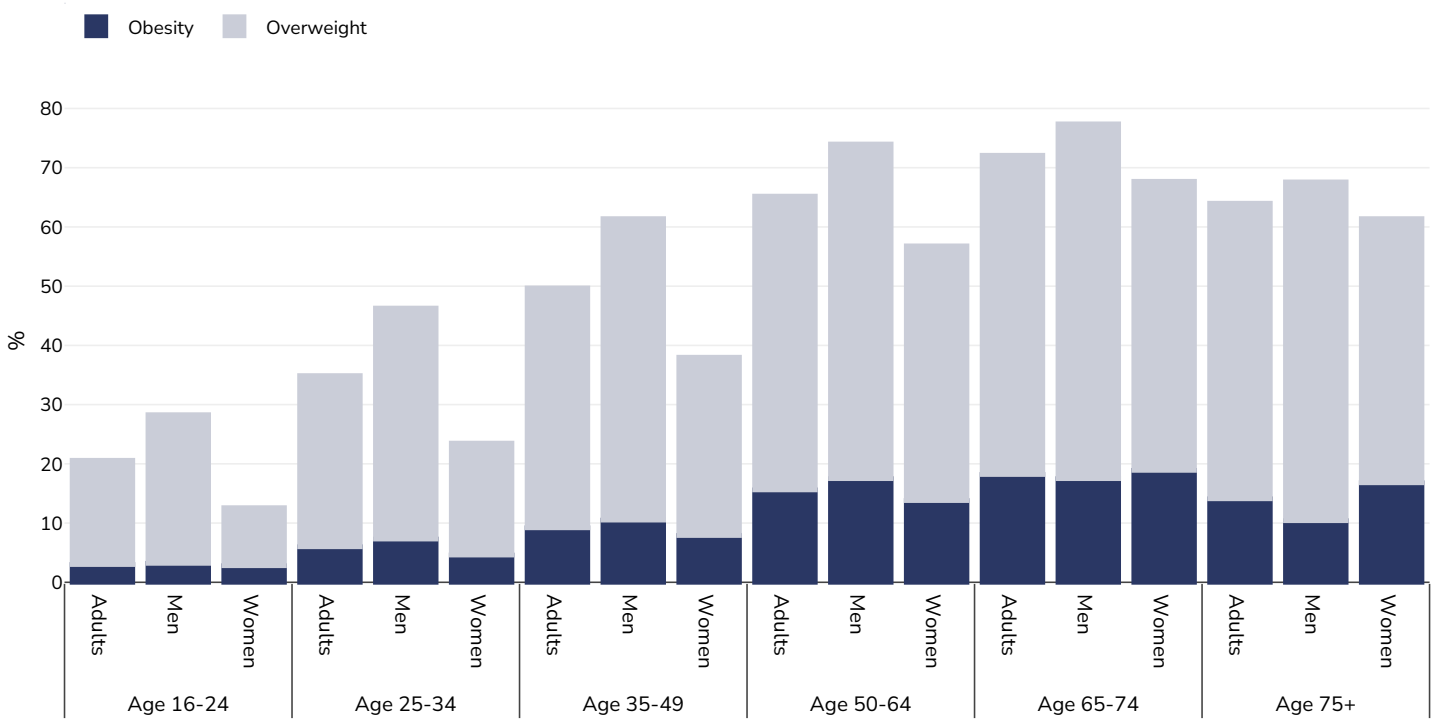
0-5 years, 2003-2004



Survey type:	Measured
Sample size:	2374
Area covered:	National
References:	Manios et al. (2007) 'Prevalence of obesity in preschool Greek children, in relation to parental characteristics and region of residence', BMC Public Health, 7;178
Notes:	Prevalence of overweight by educational level of the mother (years) IOTF BMI cut-offs used
Cutoffs:	IOTF

Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2022



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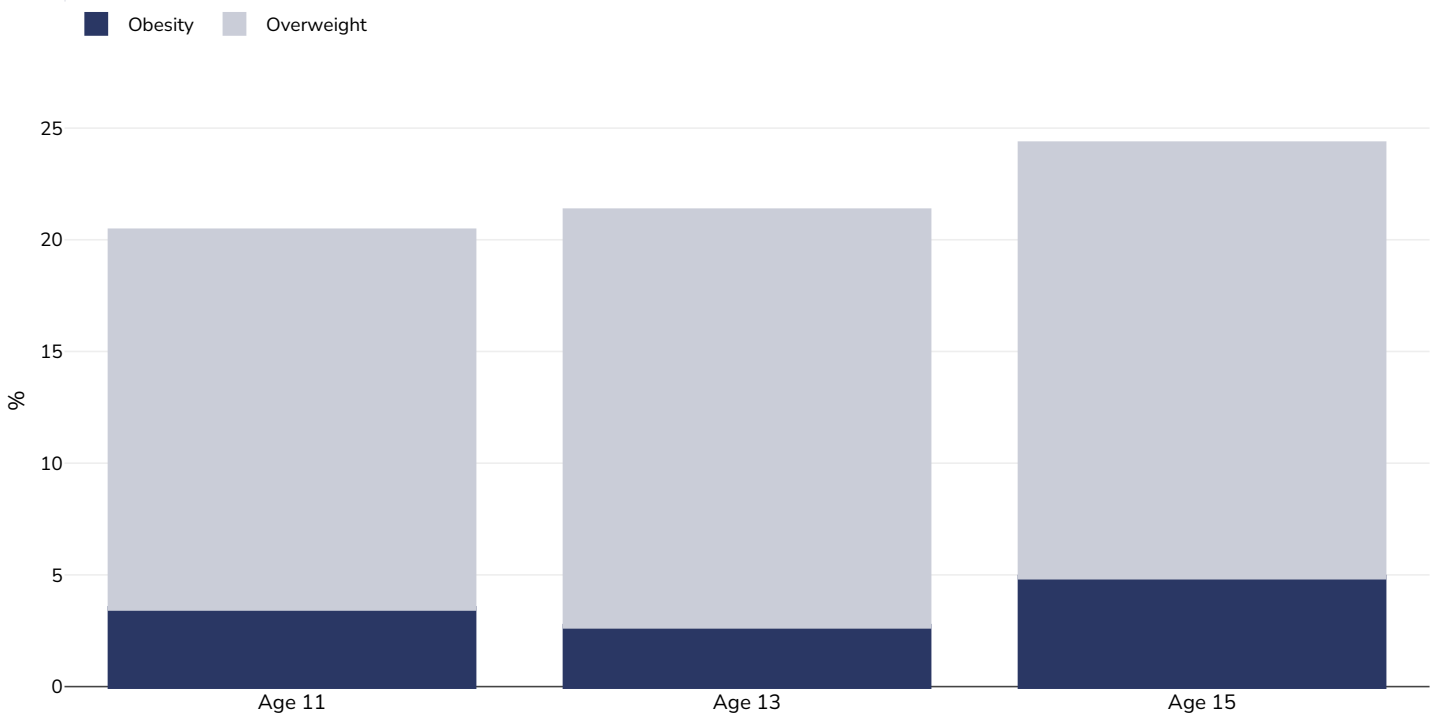

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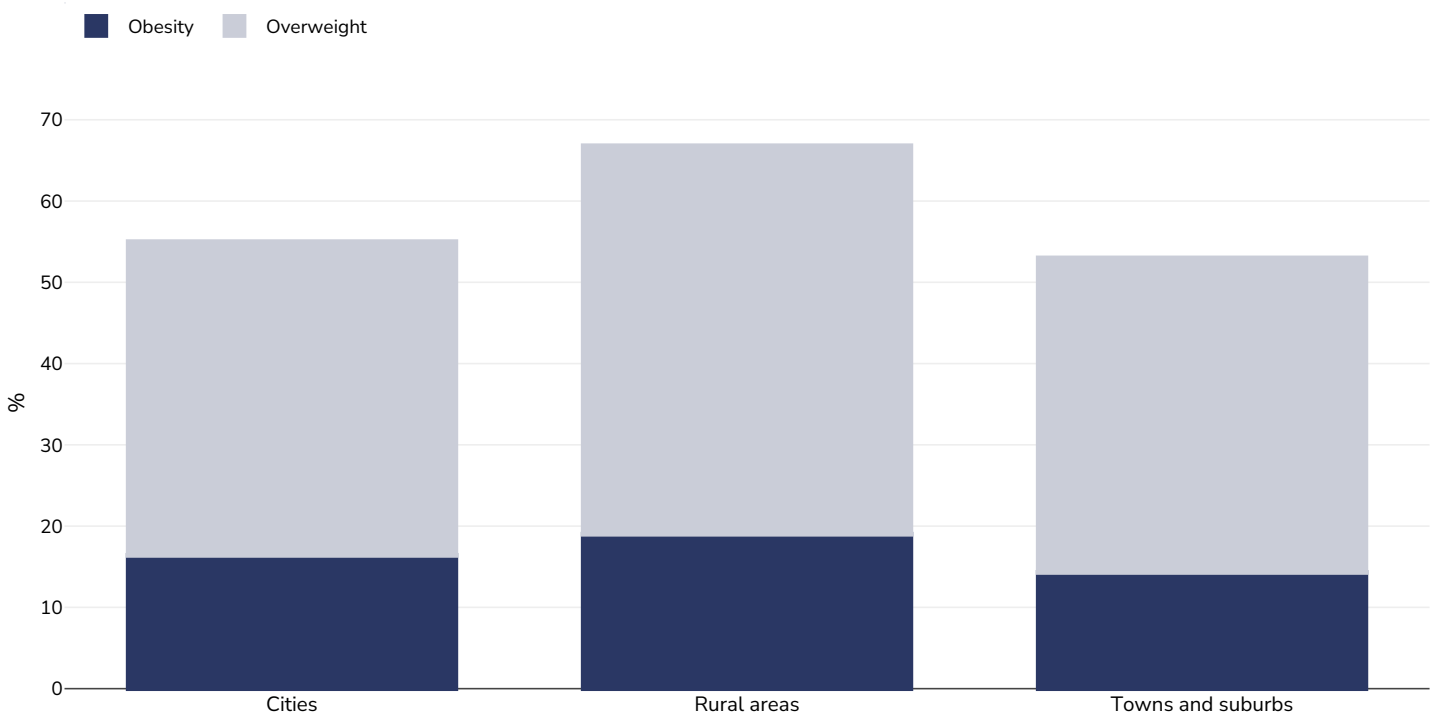
References:	Fotiou, A., Kanavou, E., Stavrou, M., & Kokkevi, A. (2024). Weight, diet and physical activity in adolescents in Greece: Current Situation and Trends. Series of Thematic Reports from the Greek arm of the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (HBSC/WHO). Athens, University Mental Health, Neurosciences, & Precision Medicine Research Institute "COSTAS STEFANIS"
Notes:	Data from HBSC 2021/22 survey using IOTF cut-offs
Cutoffs:	IOTF

Overweight/obesity by region

Adults, 2019



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
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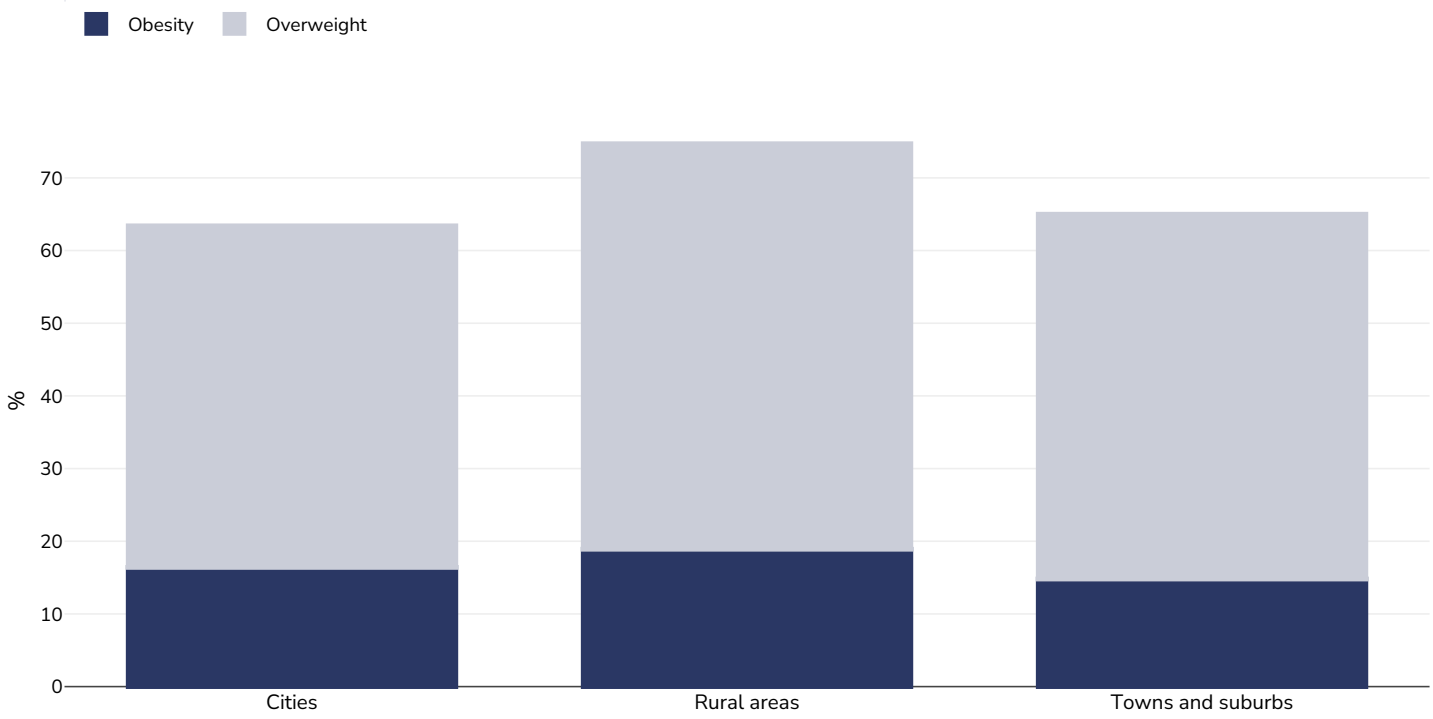
Men, 2019



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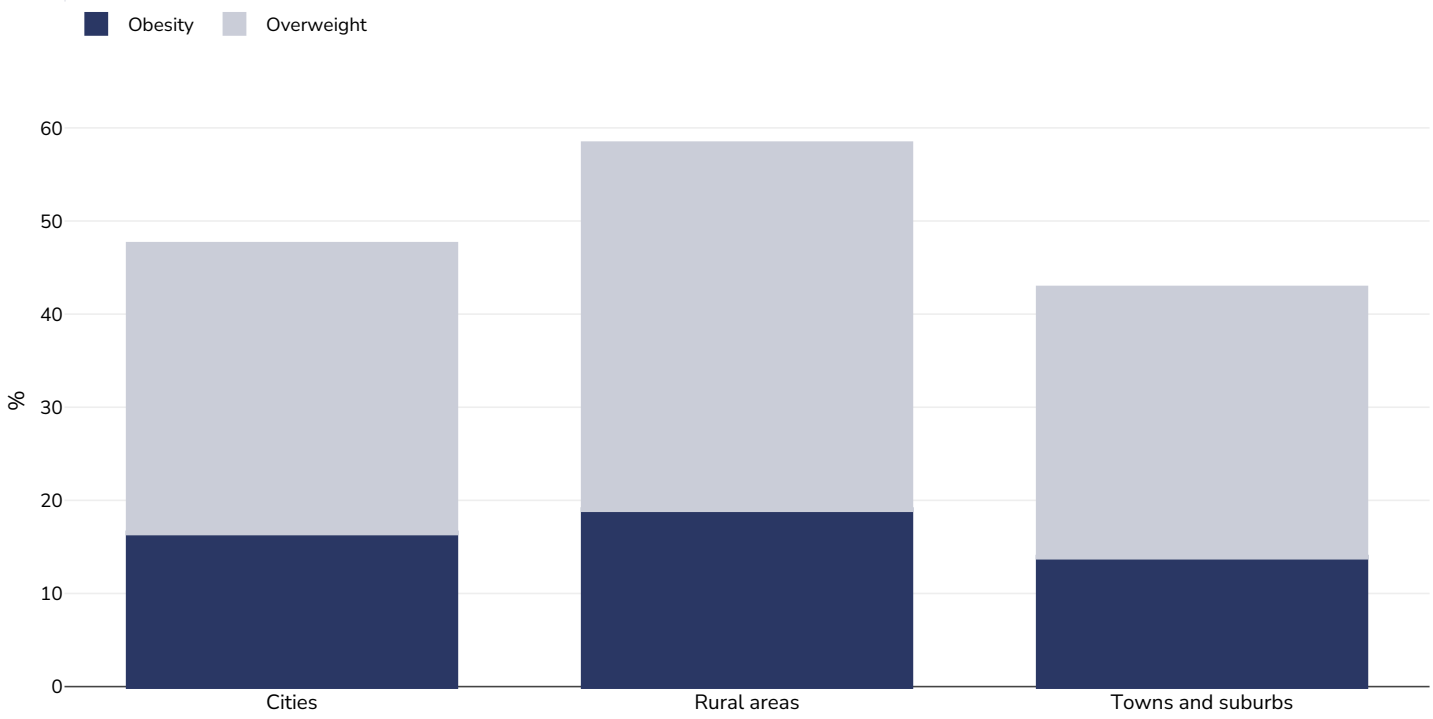
Women, 2019



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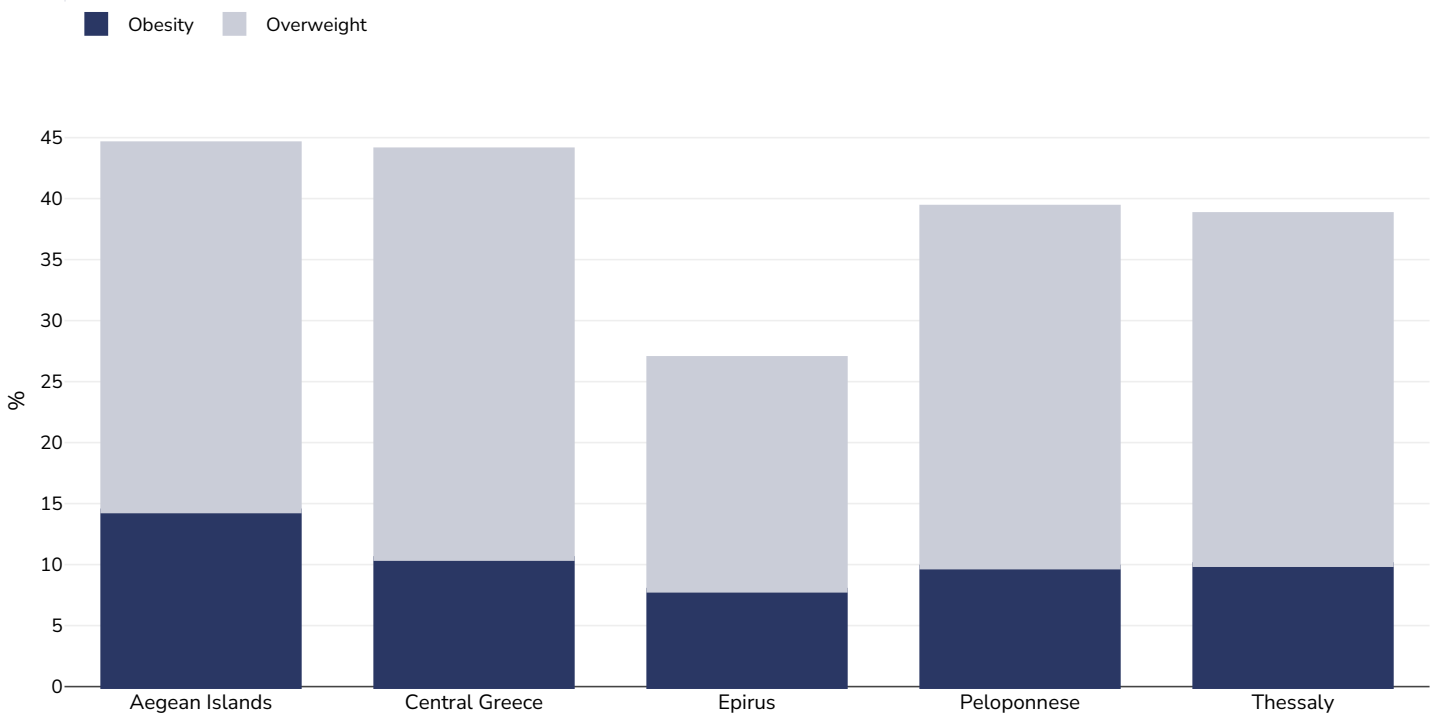
Boys, 2010-2012



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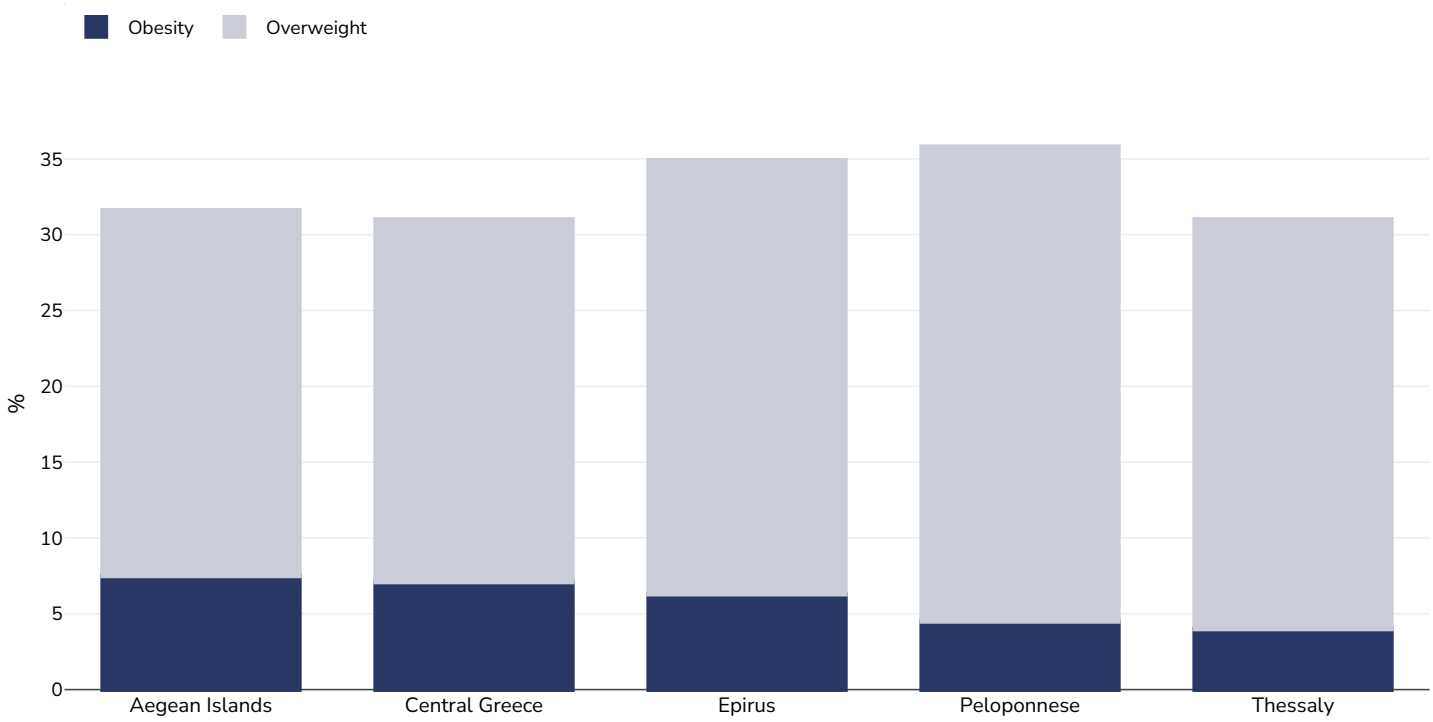
Notes:	International IOTF Cut off points
Cutoffs:	IOTF

Girls, 2010-2012



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Overweight/obesity by age and region

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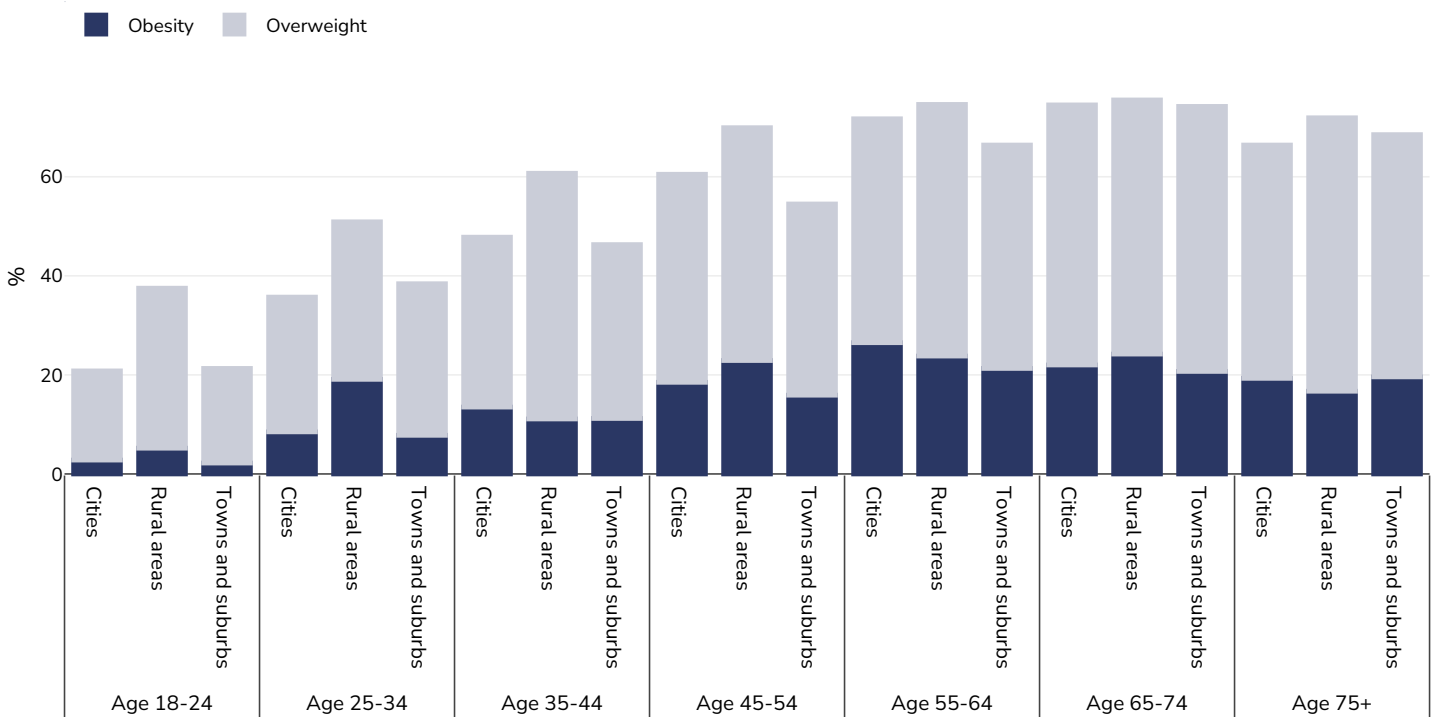

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Notes:	NB. Some values flagged for low reliability (18-24 men from towns and suburbs, 18-24 men from rural areas, 18-24 women from rural areas)

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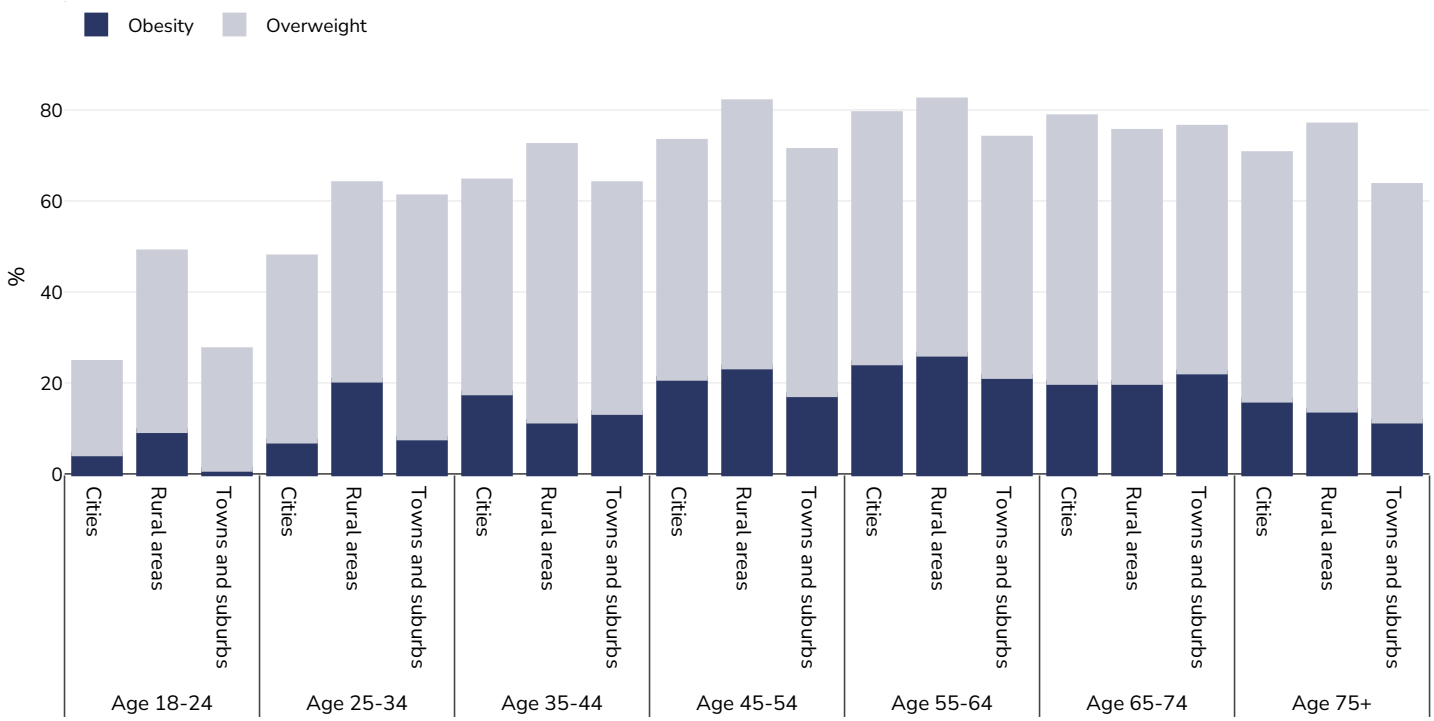

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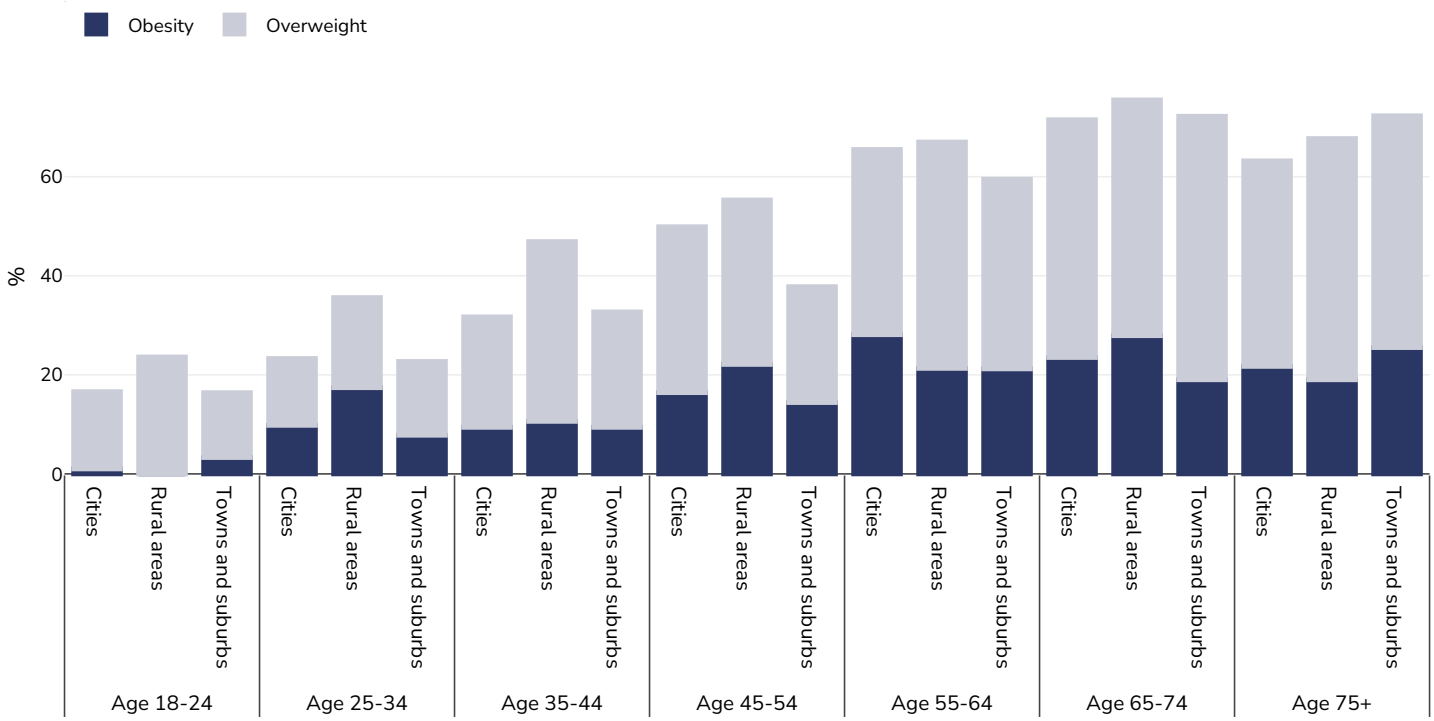
Women, 2019



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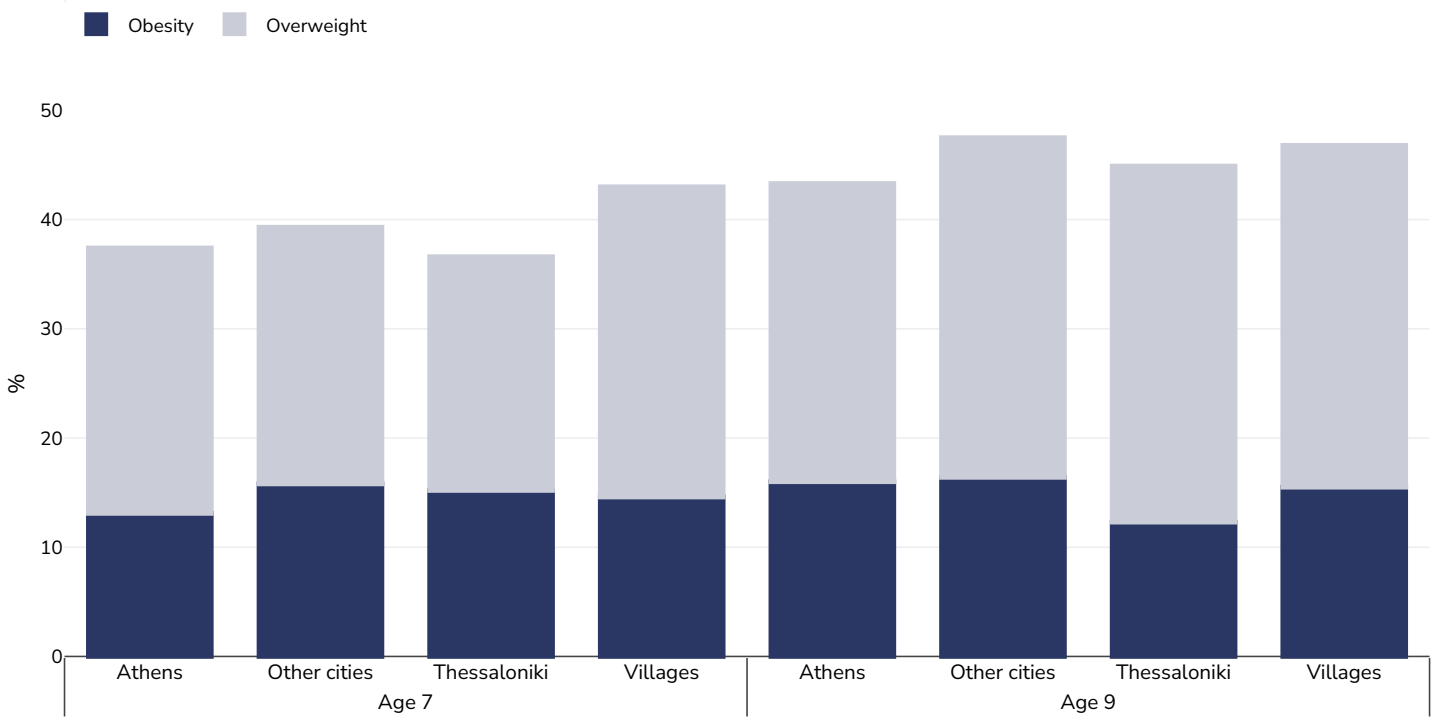

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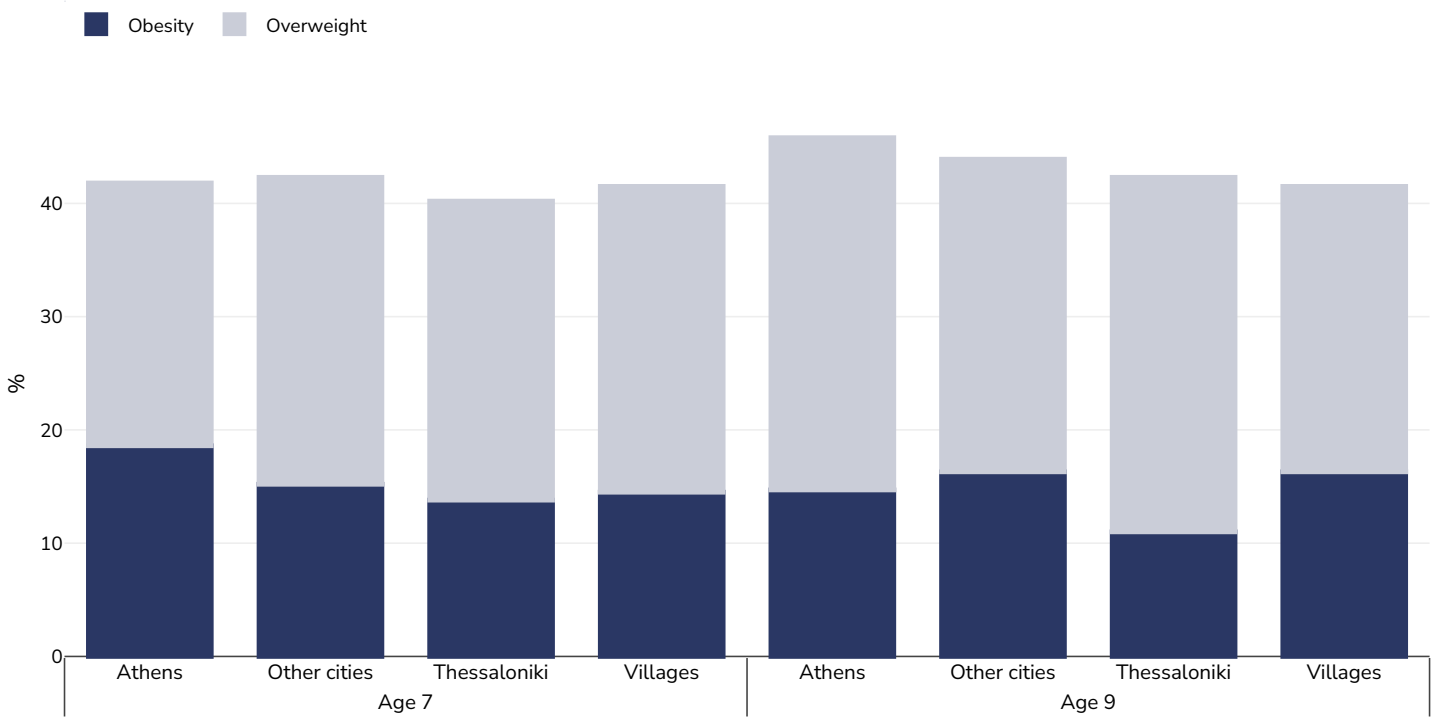
Definitions:	Other cities = <2000 inhabitants.
Cutoffs:	IOTF

Girls, 2010-2011



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Overweight/obesity by age and socio-economic group

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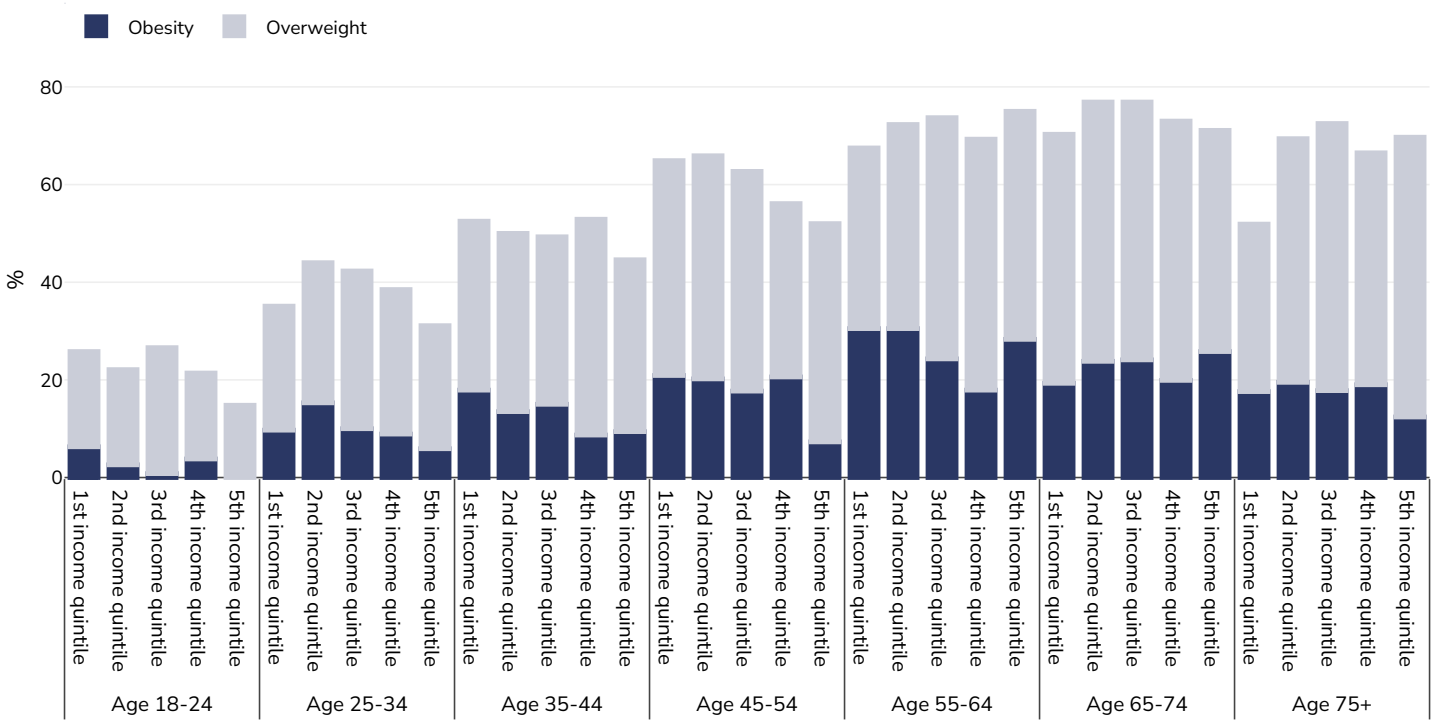

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Notes:	NB. Some age ranges missing due to insufficient data to display by age & income quintile

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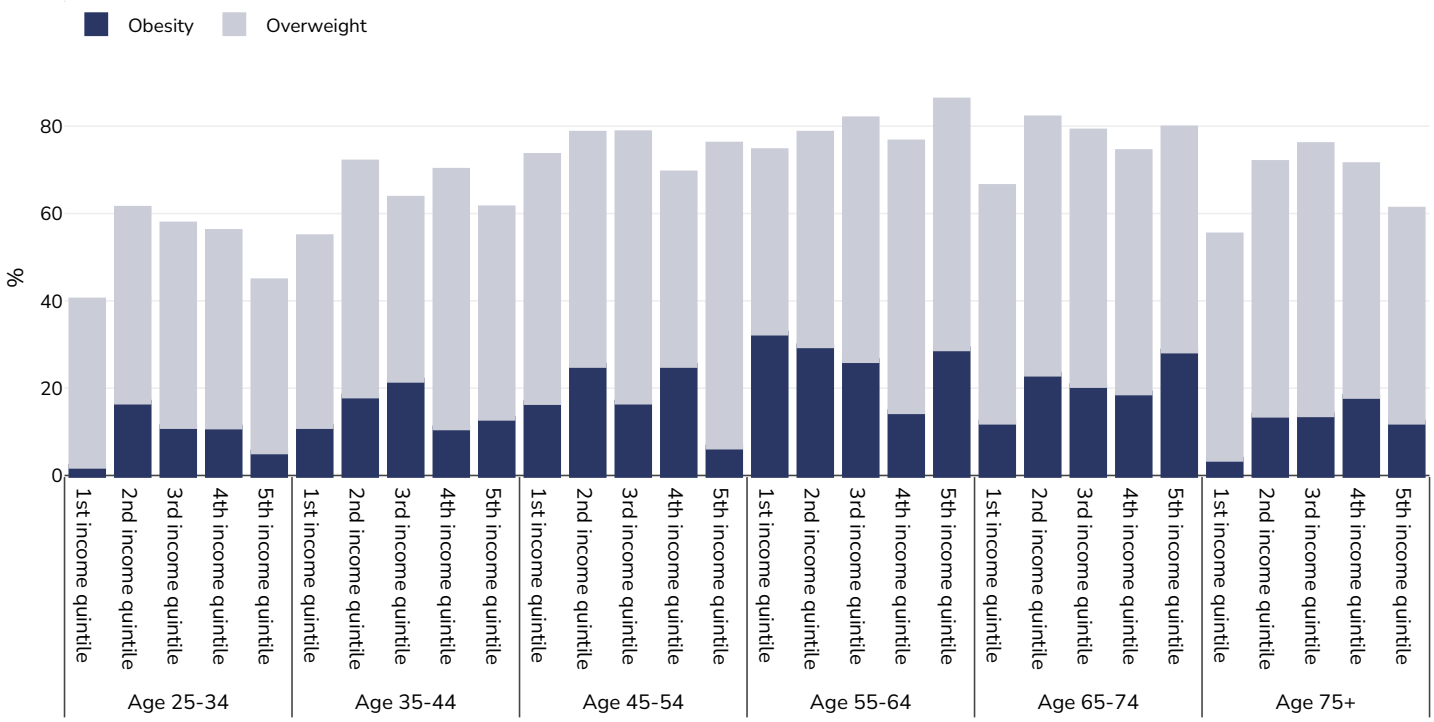
Men, 2019



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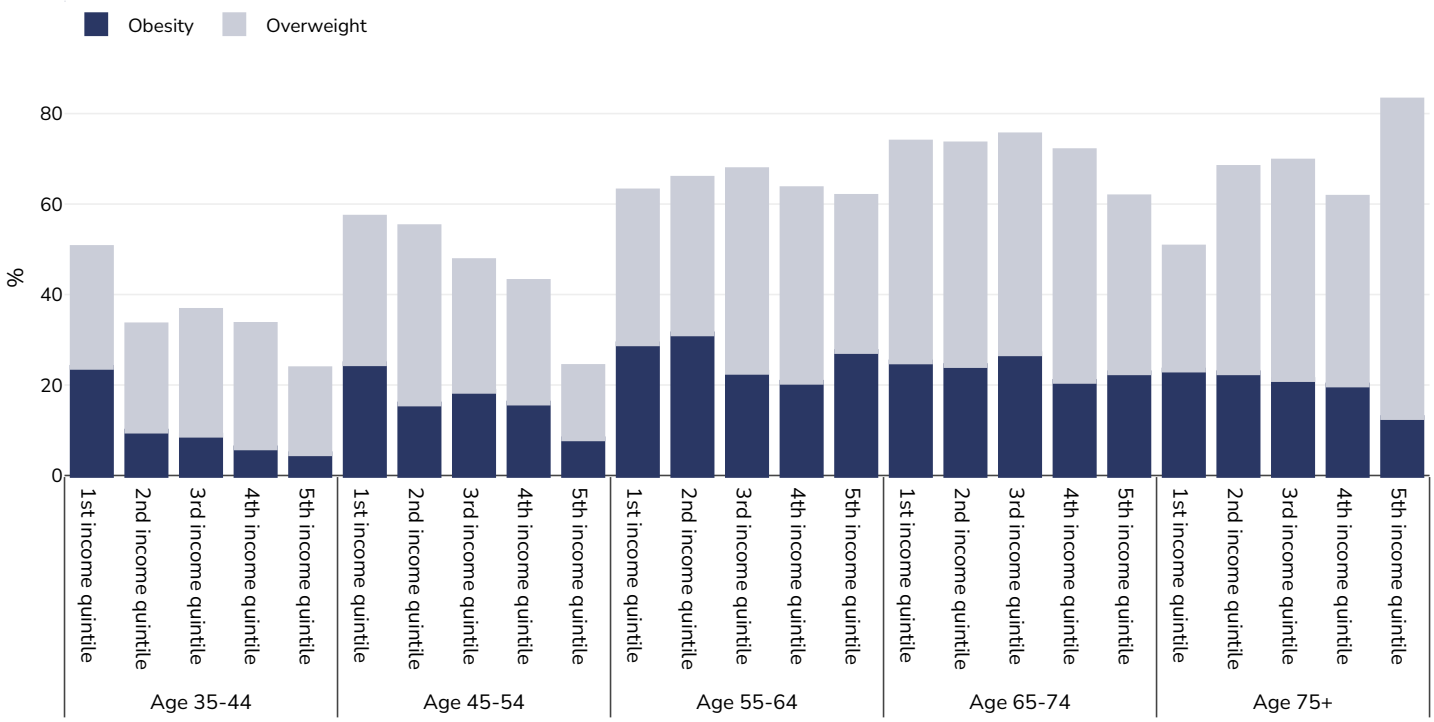
Women, 2019



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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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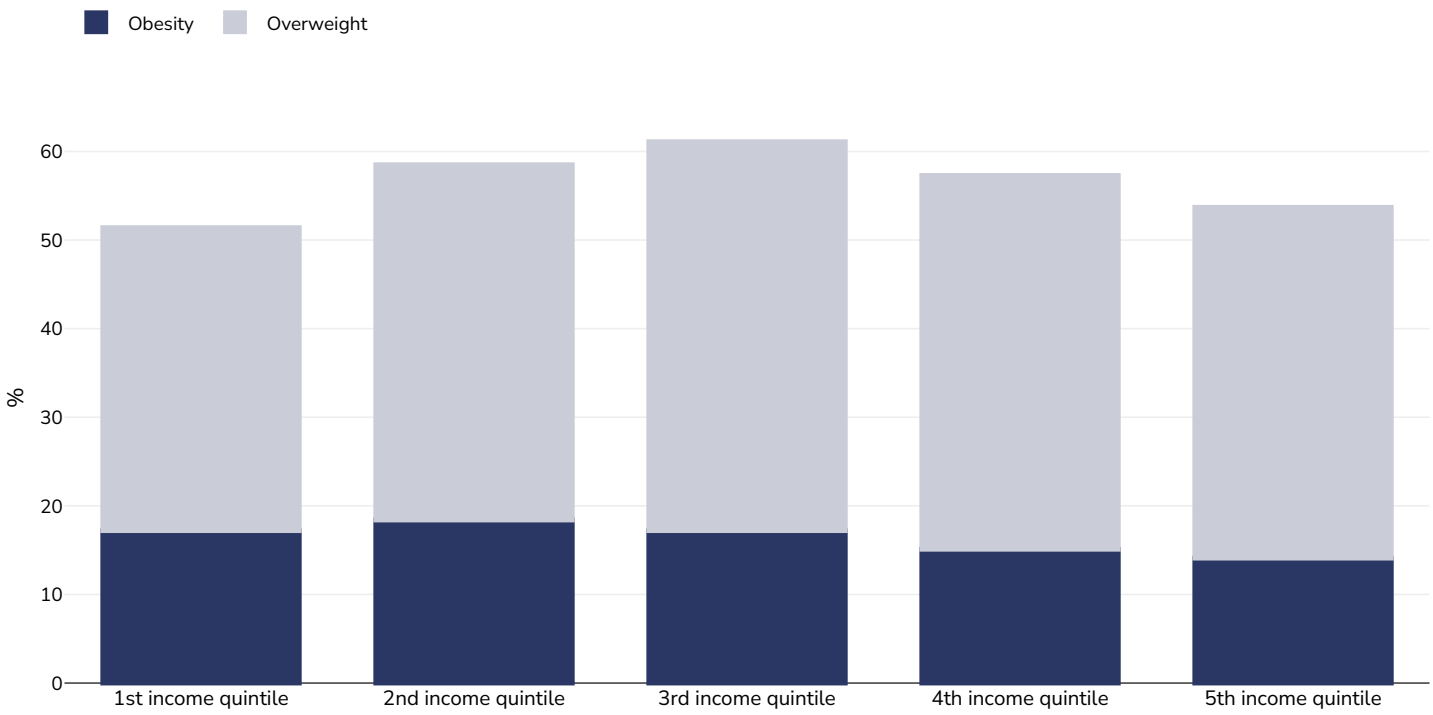

Survey type:	Self-reported
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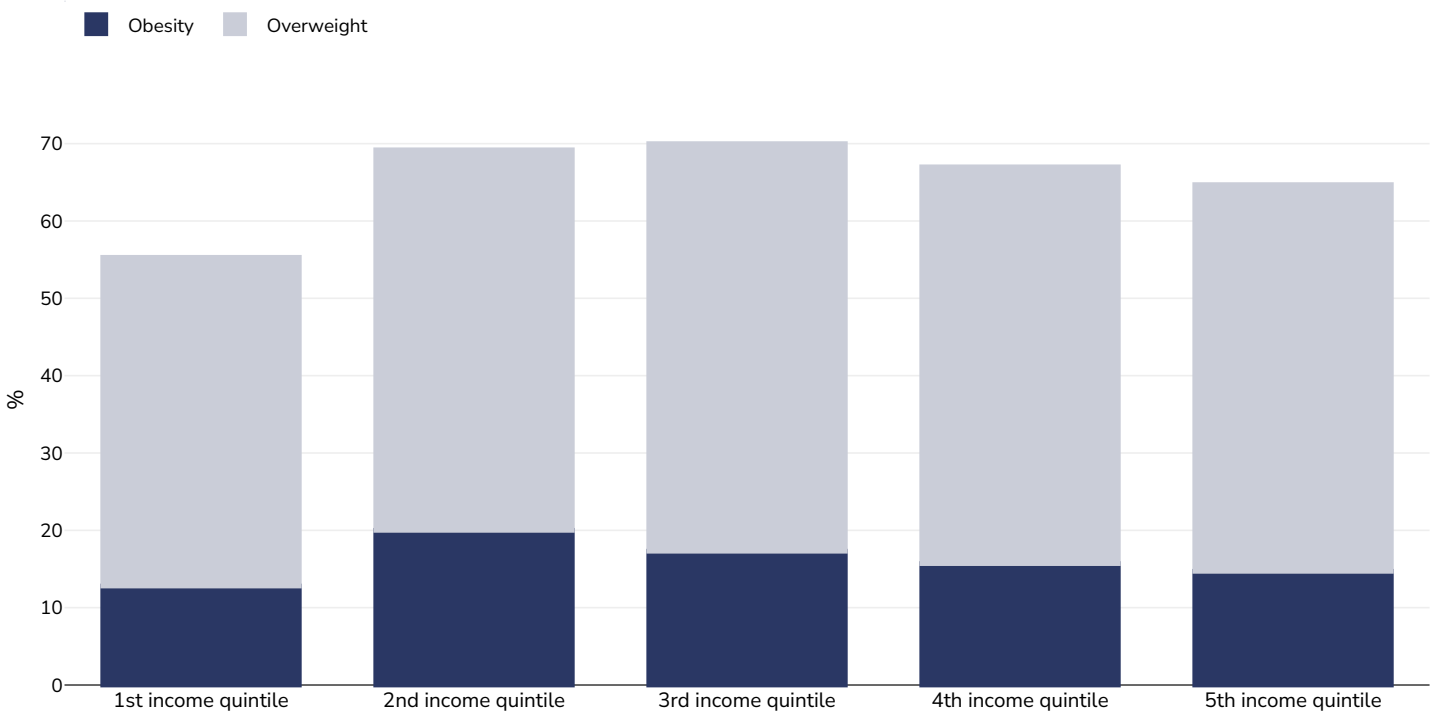

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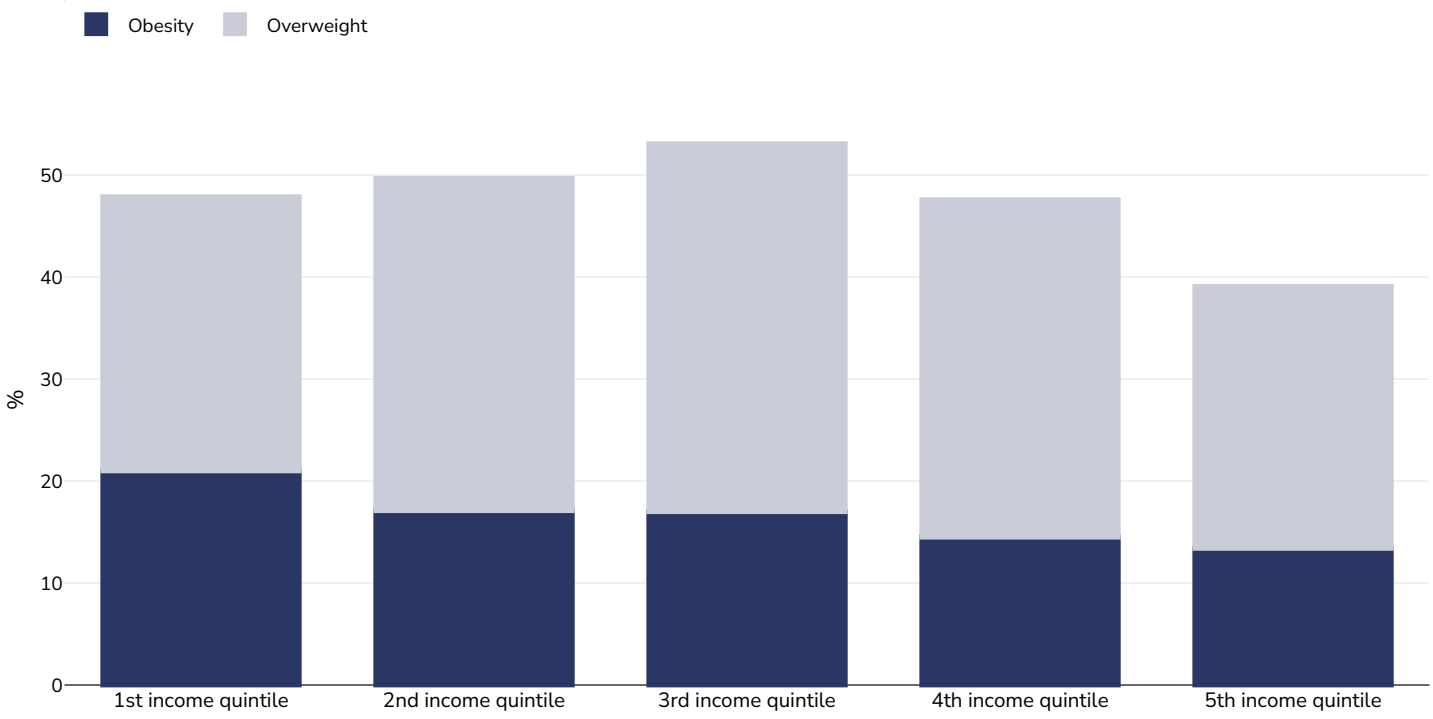
Women, 2019



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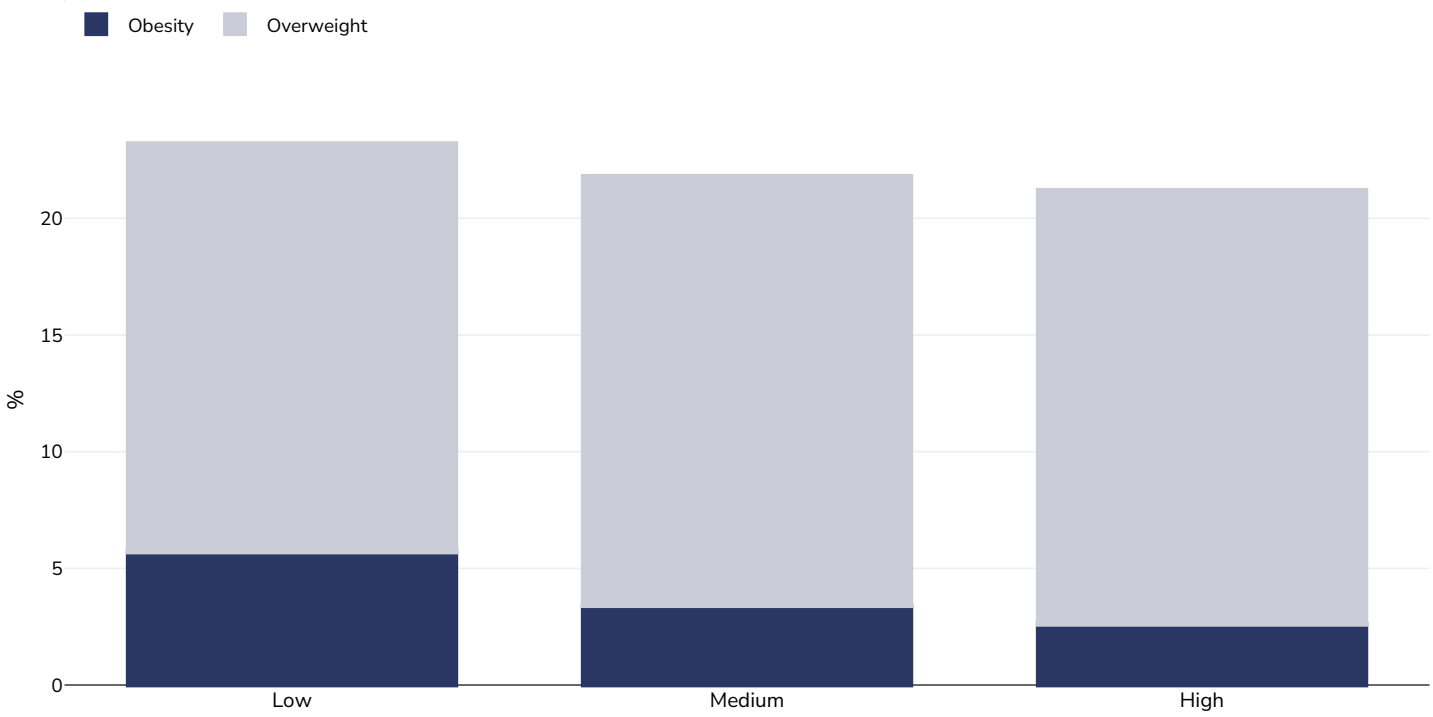
Children, 2022



Survey type:	Self-reported
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Notes:	Data from HBSC 2021/22 survey using IOTF cut-offs
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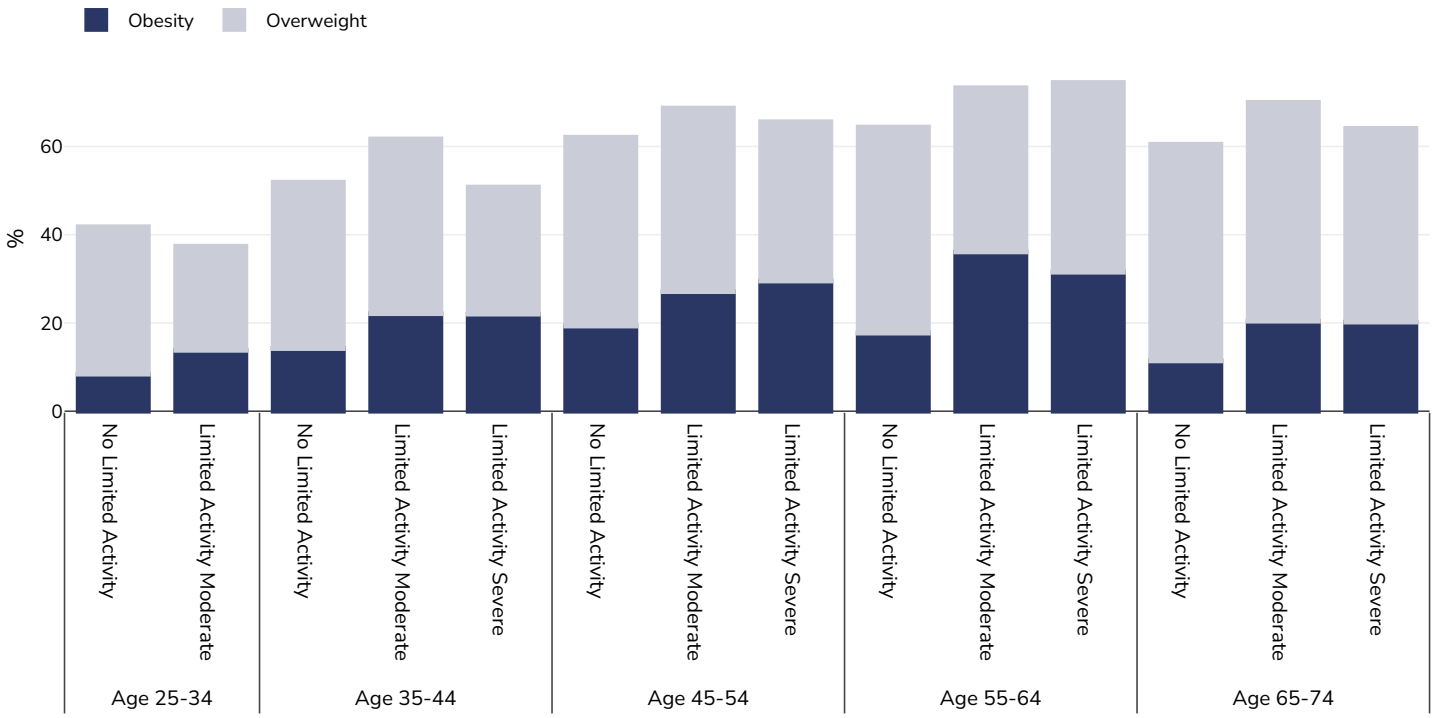
Cutoffs:	IOTF

Overweight/obesity by age and limited activity

Adults, 2014



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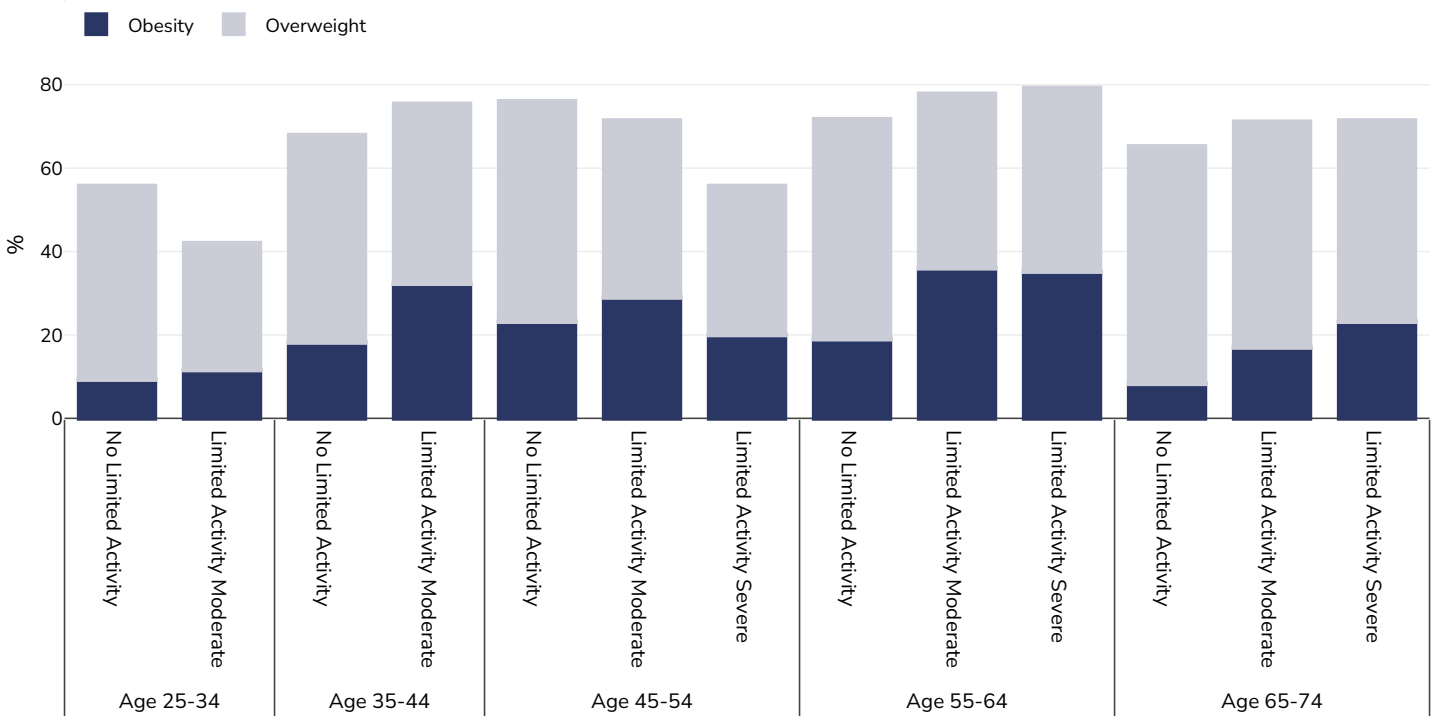
Men, 2014



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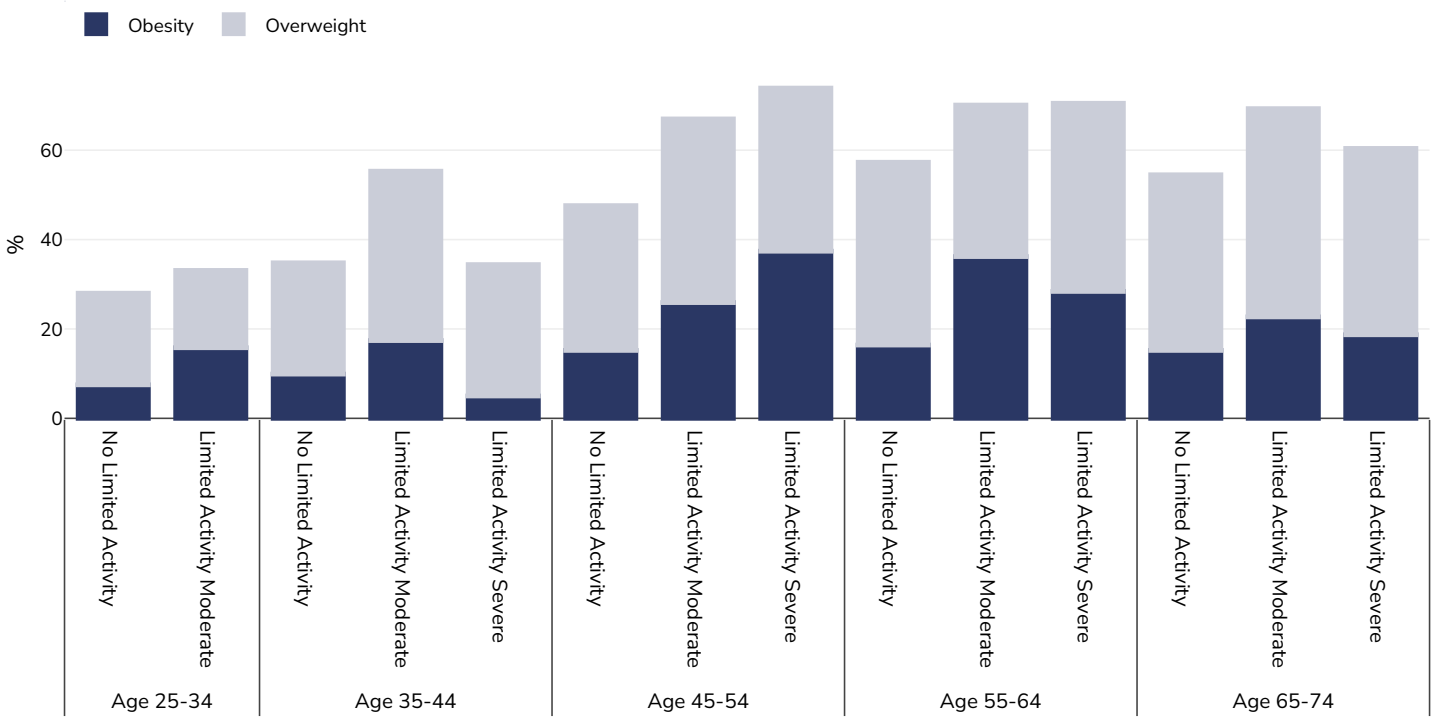
Women, 2014



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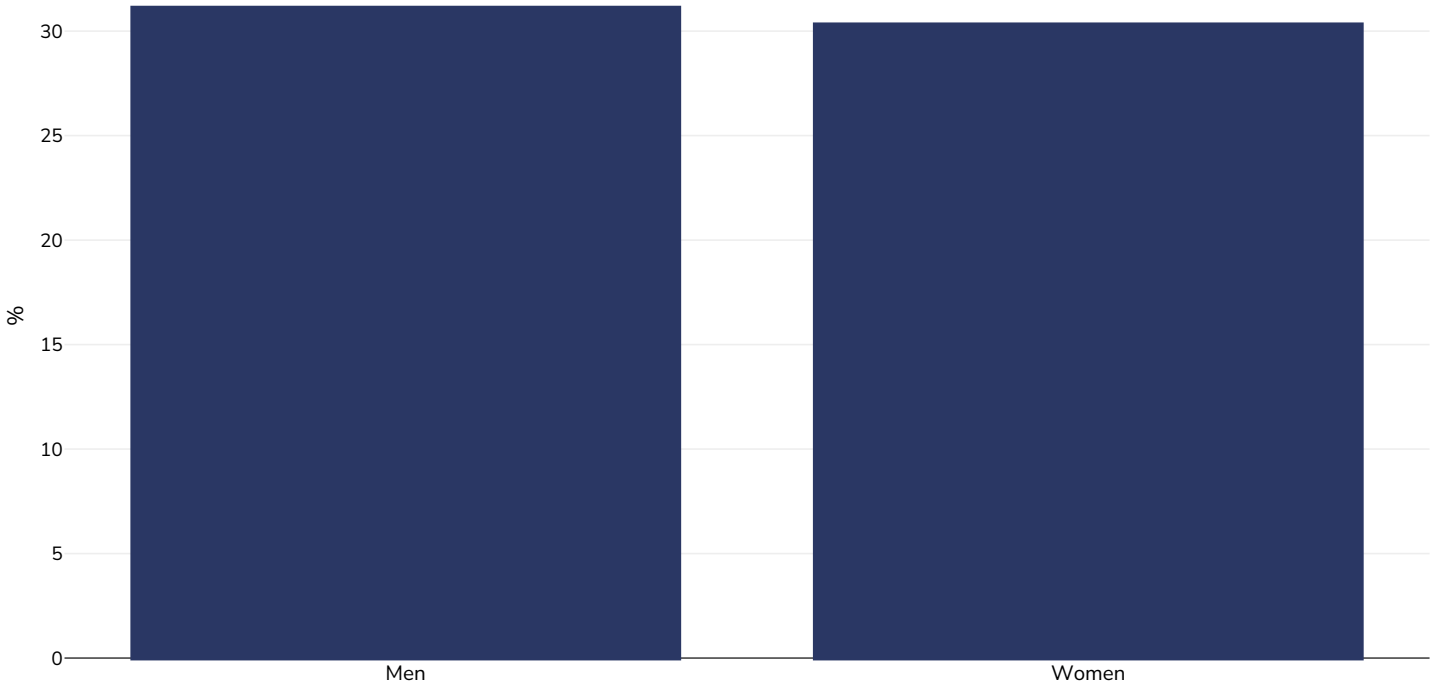
Double burden of underweight & overweight

Adults, 2022



Survey type:	Measured
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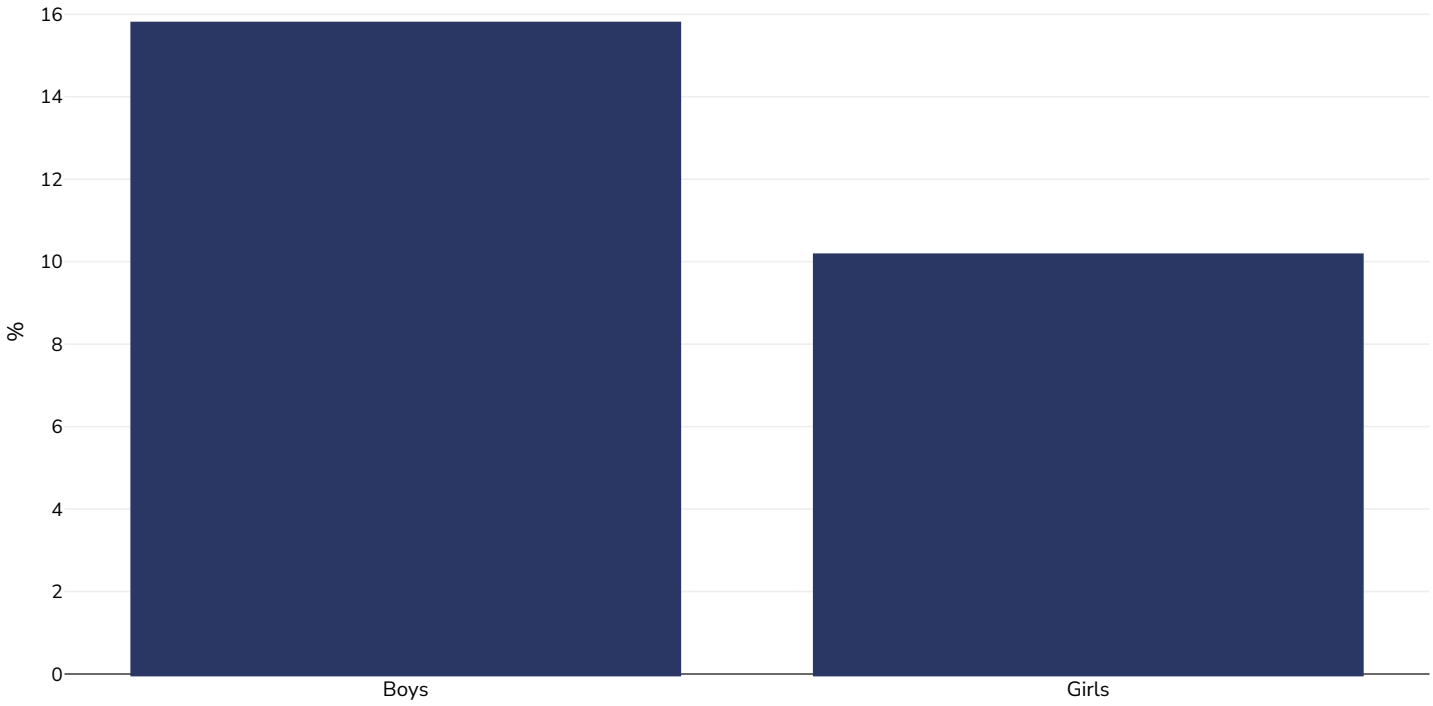
References:	NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2.
Notes:	Age Standardised estimates
Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m² and BMI>=30 kg/m² (double burden of underweight and obesity)

Children, 2022



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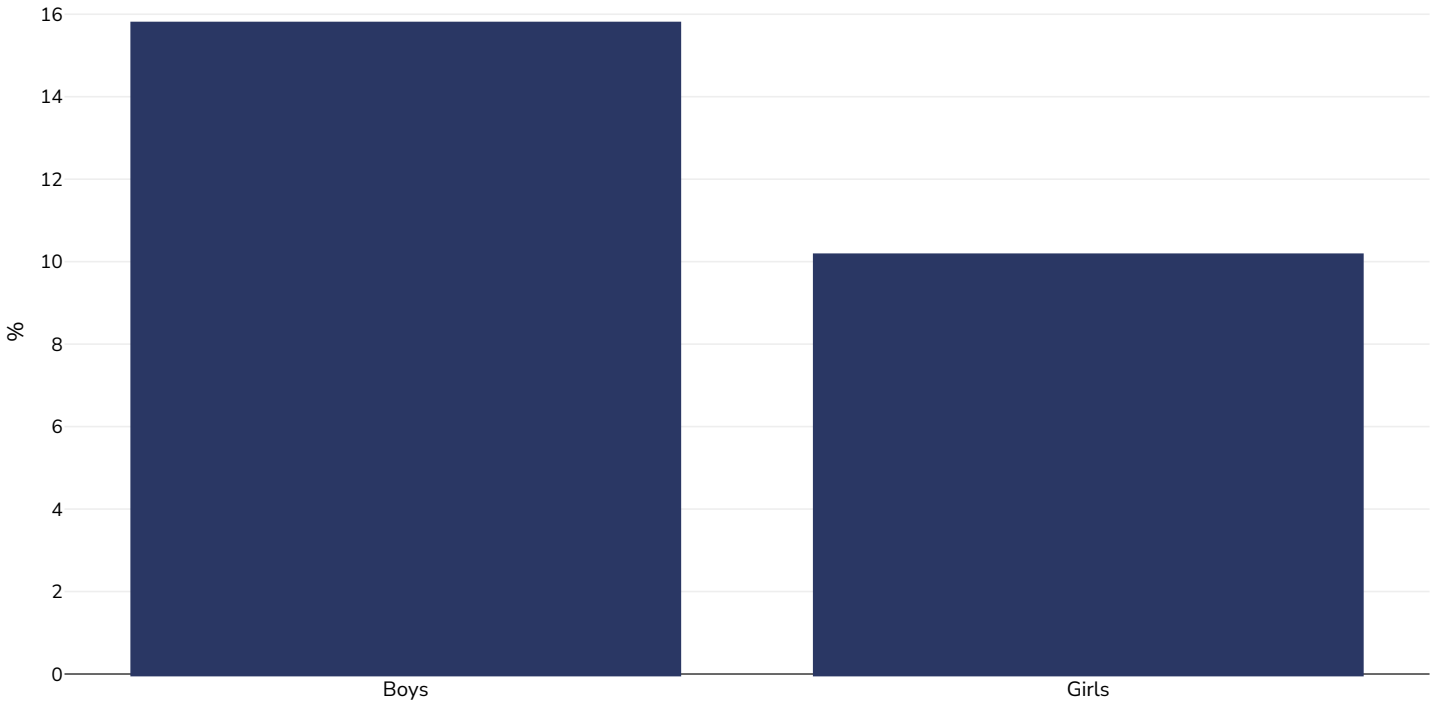
Notes:	Age standardised estimates
Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD (double burden of thinness and obesity)
Cutoffs:	BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD

0-5 years, 2003-2004



Survey type:	Measured
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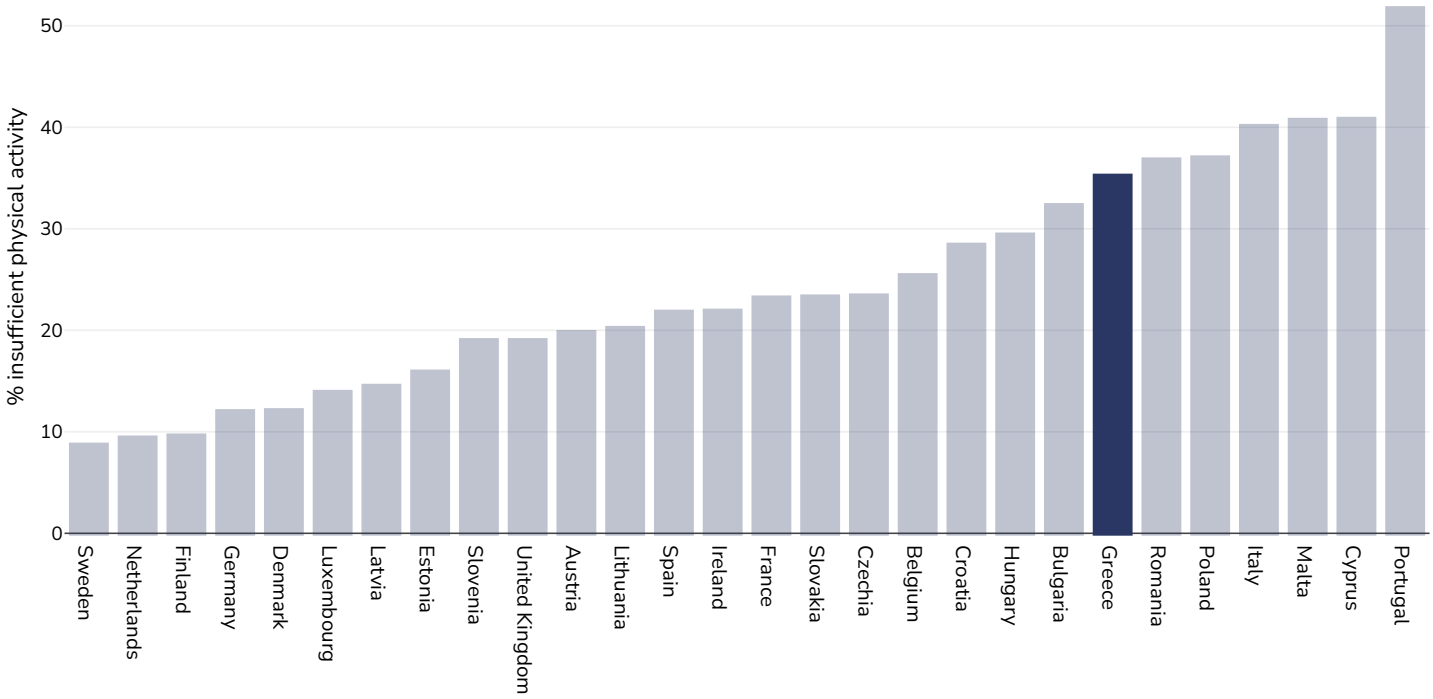
References:	UNICEF data available at https://data.unicef.org/topic/nutrition/malnutrition/(last accessed 12.03.25)
Notes:	Children under 5 falling below -2 standard deviations from the median height for age and falling at or above +2 standard deviations from the median weight-for-height of the reference population

Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2022



Survey type:	Self-reported
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Area covered:	National
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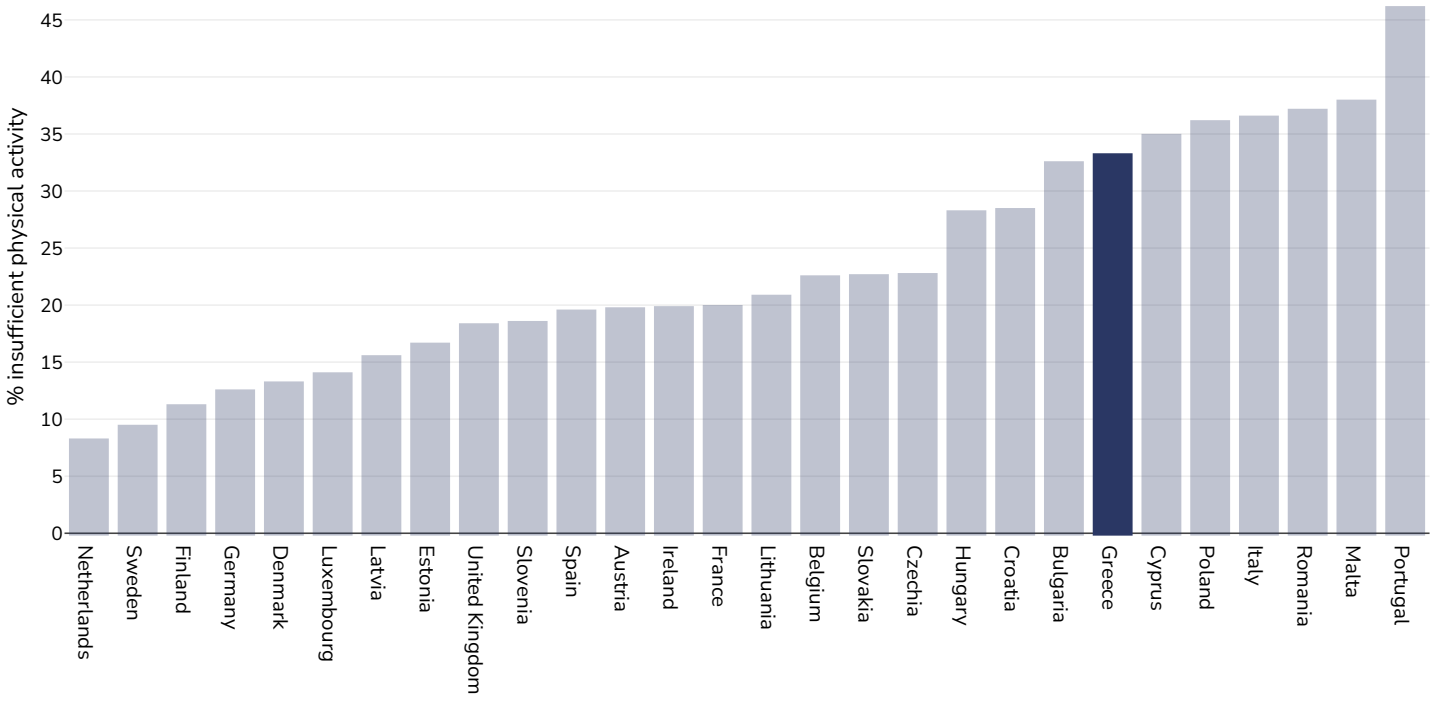
Definitions:	Percent of population attaining less than 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week, or less than 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week, or equivalent.

Men, 2022



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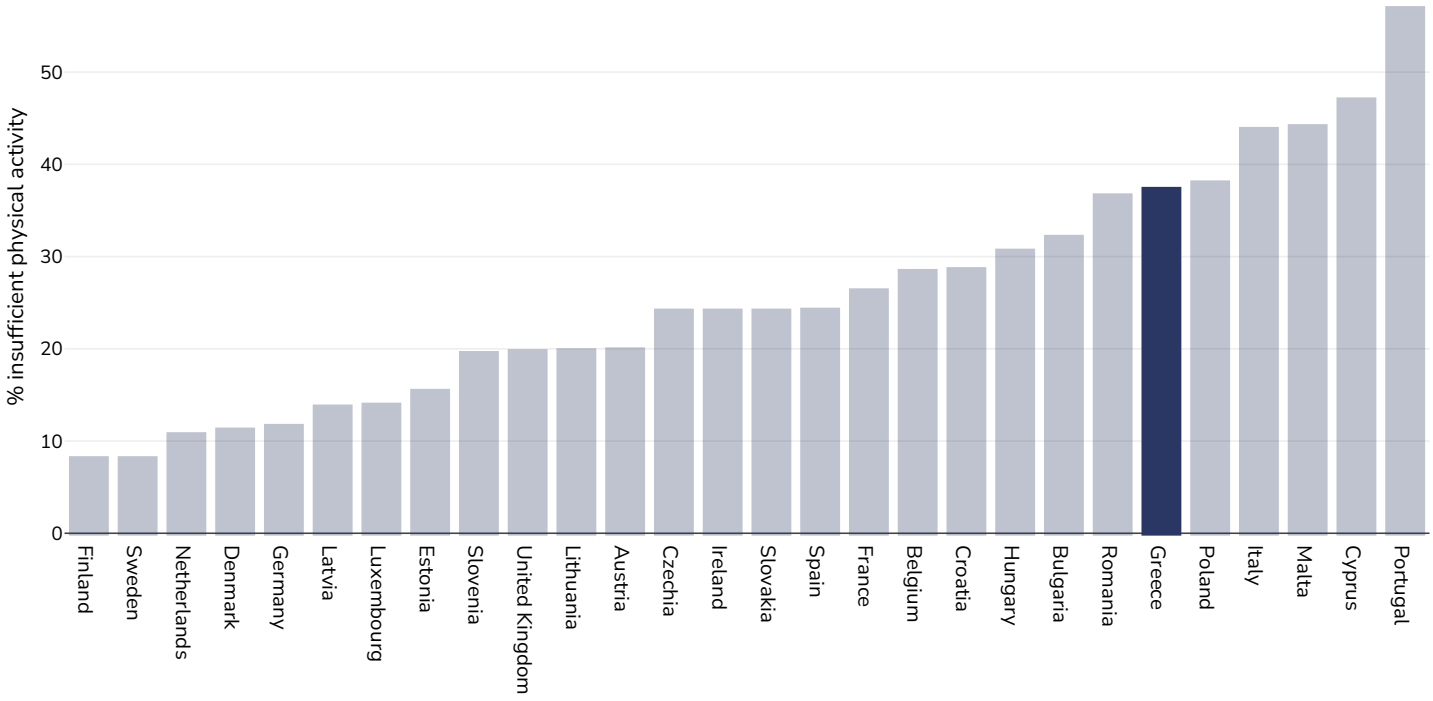
Women, 2022



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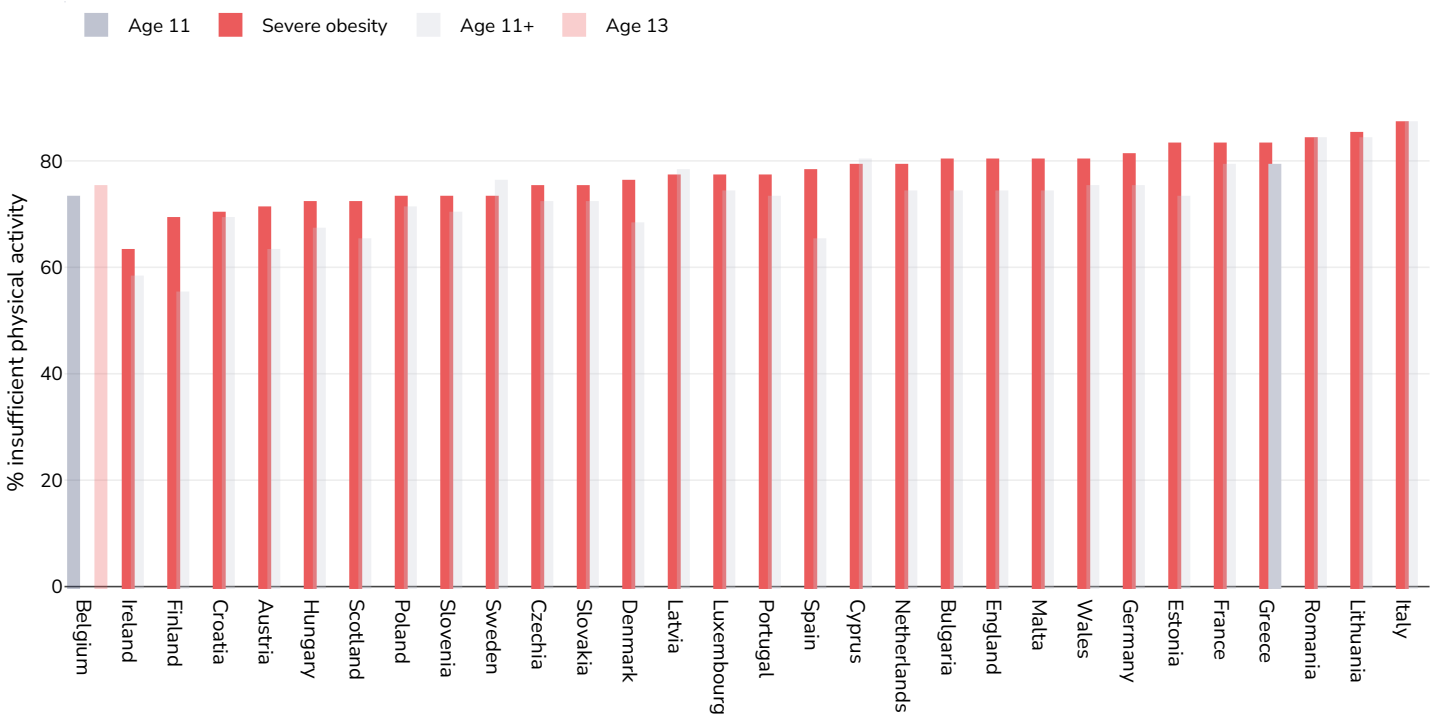
Boys, 2022



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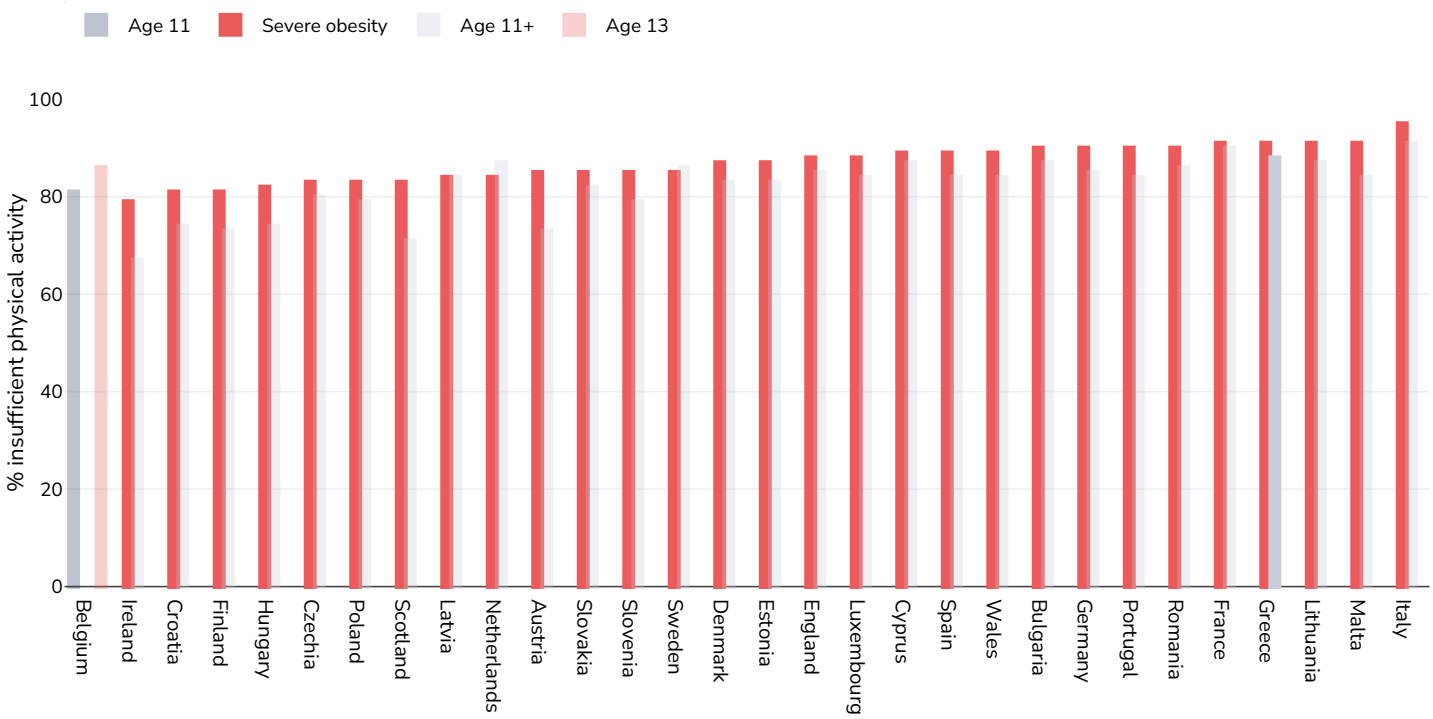
Notes: Young people were asked to report the number of days over the past week during which they were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes. The question was introduced by text defining moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) as any activity that increases the heart rate and makes the person get out of breath some of the time, with examples provided. Findings presented on the Observatory show the proportions who report less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily.

Definitions: % reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily

Girls, 2022



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Sugar consumption

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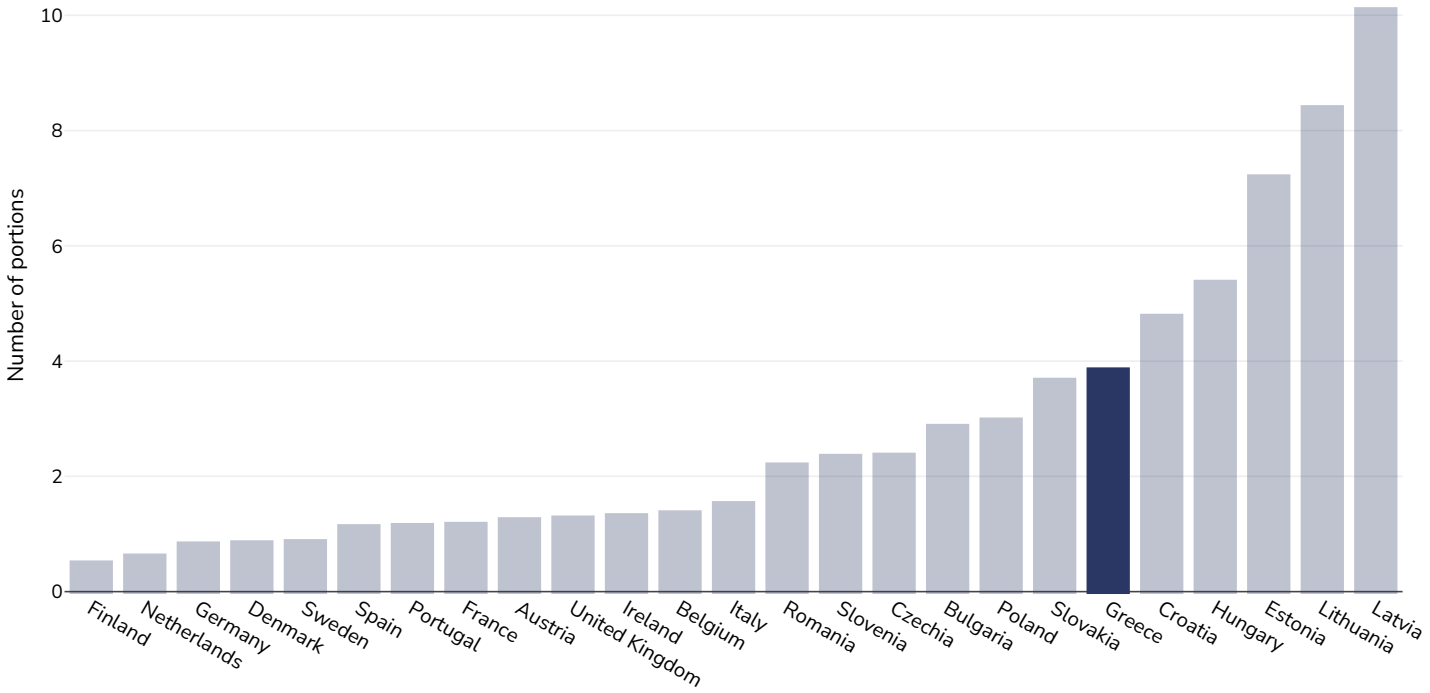
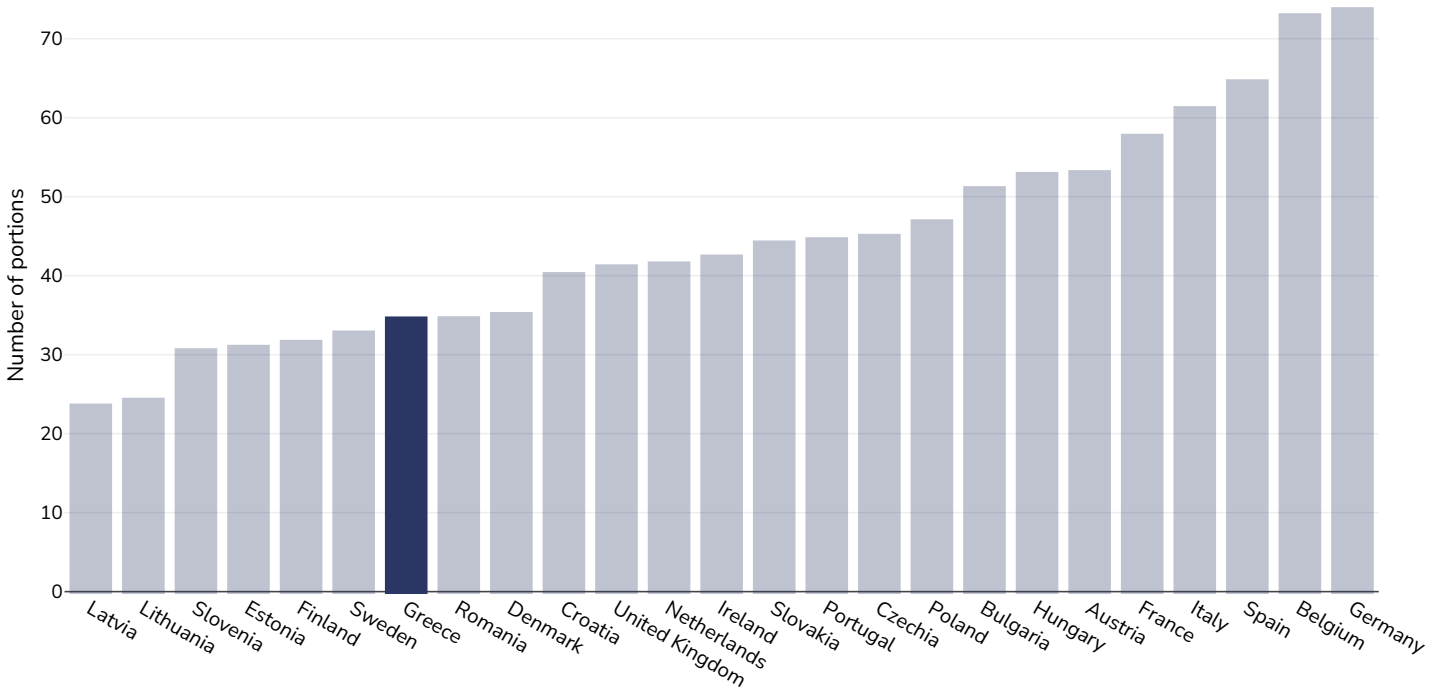


References: Source: Euromonitor International

Definitions: Sugar consumption (Number of 500g sugar portions/person/month)

Estimated per capita sugar sweetened beverages intake

Adults, 2016



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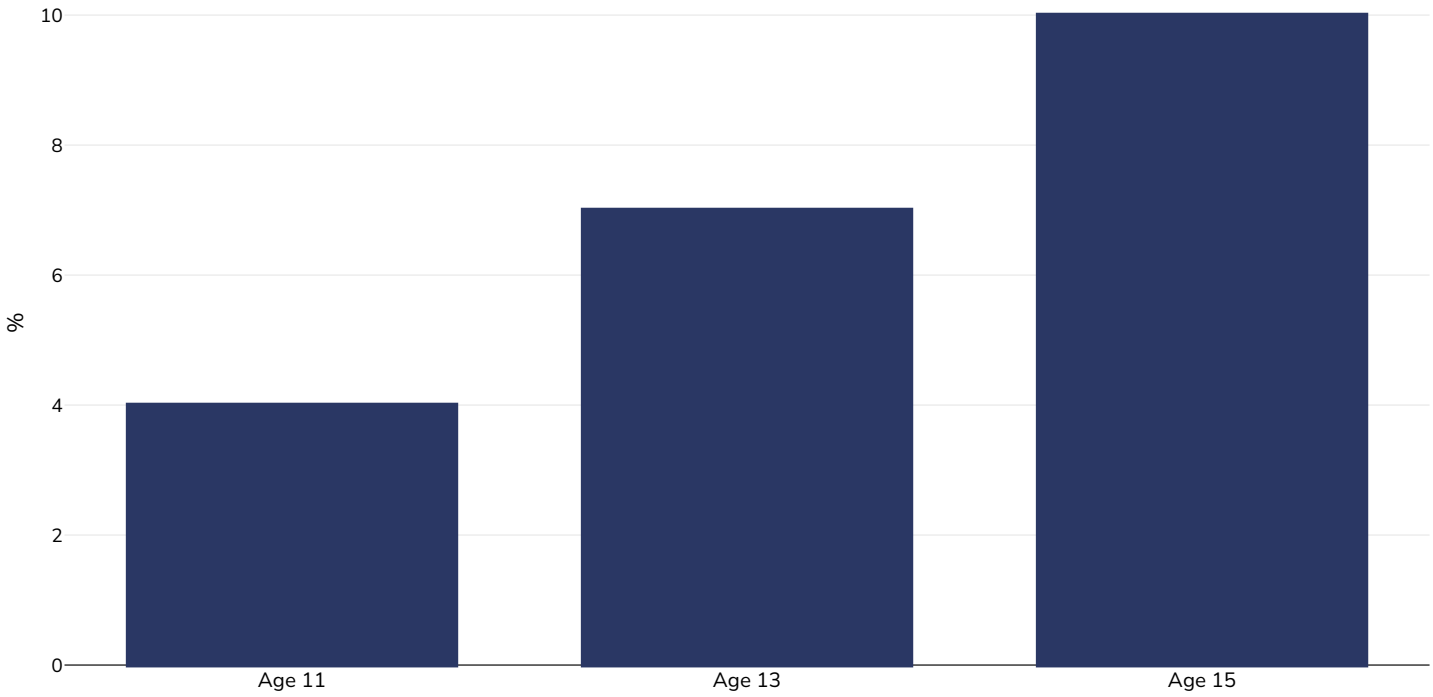
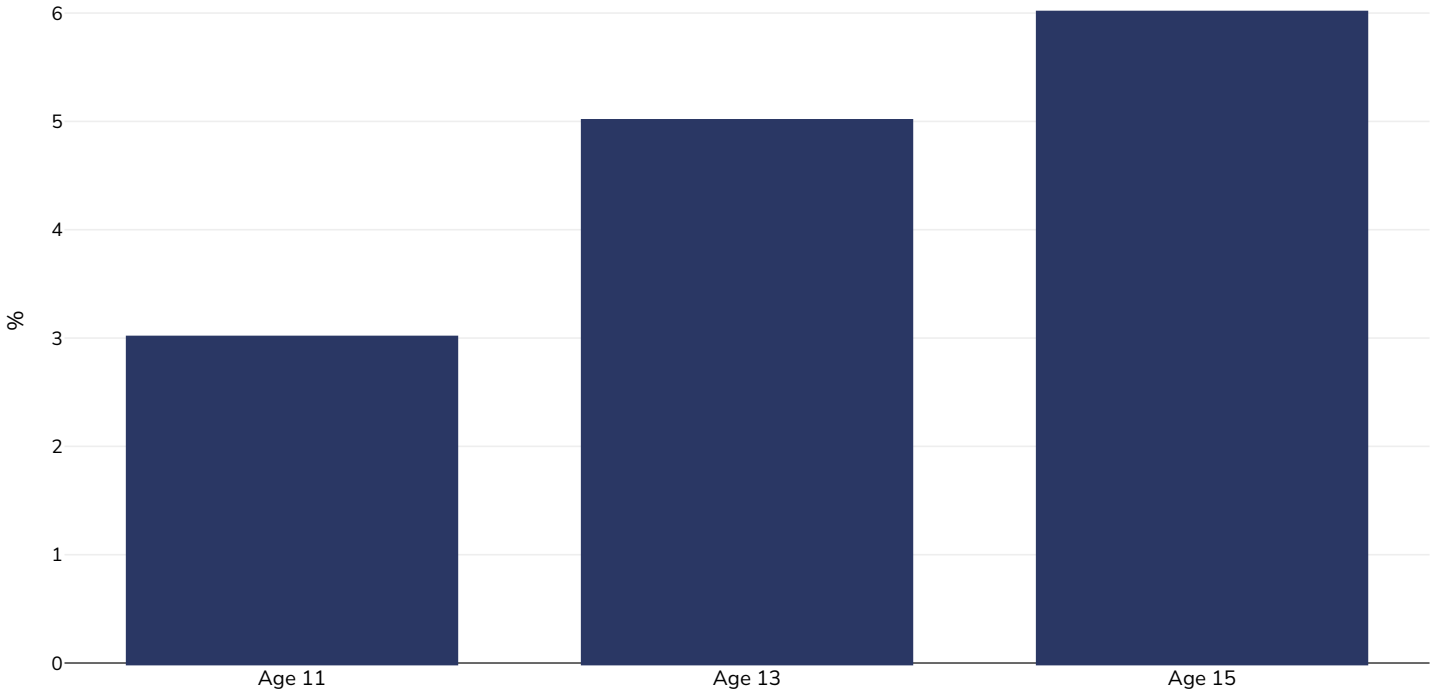
Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption

Boys, 2021-2022



Area covered:	National
References:	Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): https://data-browser.hbsc.org
Definitions:	Proportion who reported drinking sugary soft drinks daily (at least once)

Girls, 2021-2022



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Prevalence of confectionery consumption

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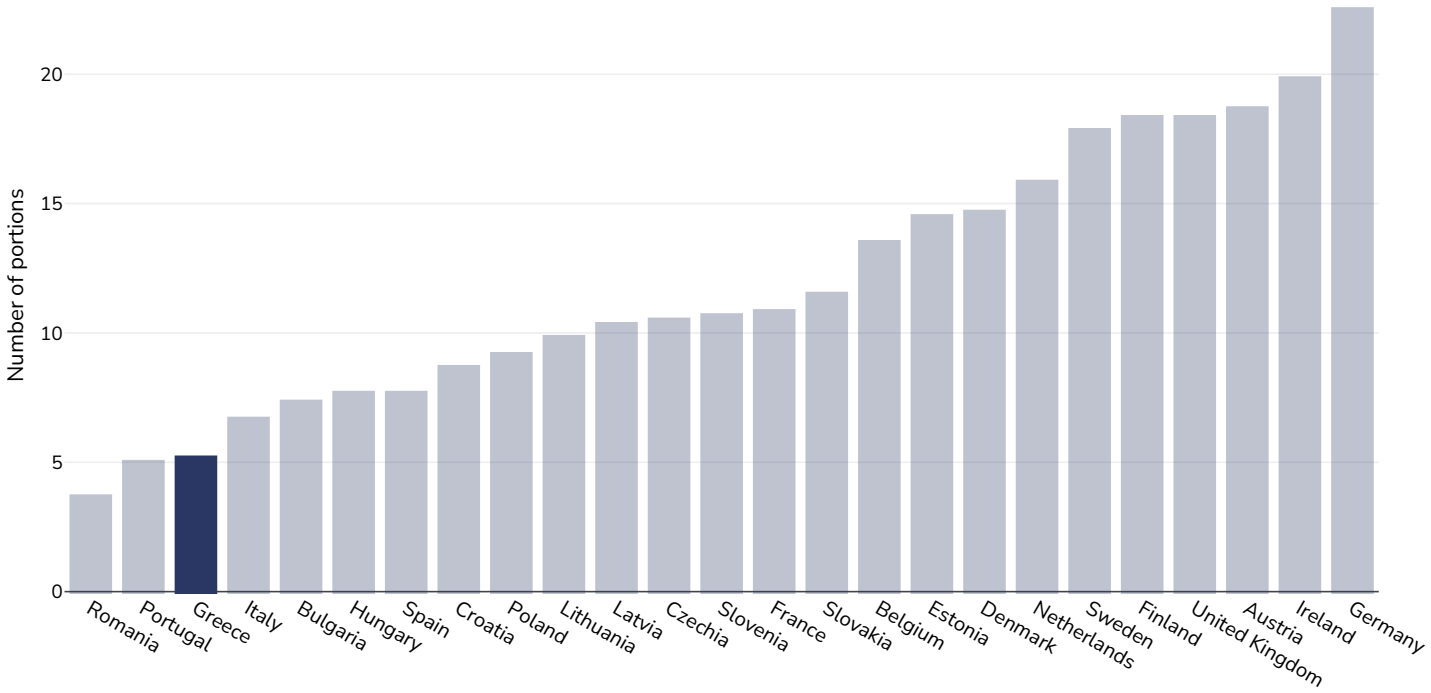

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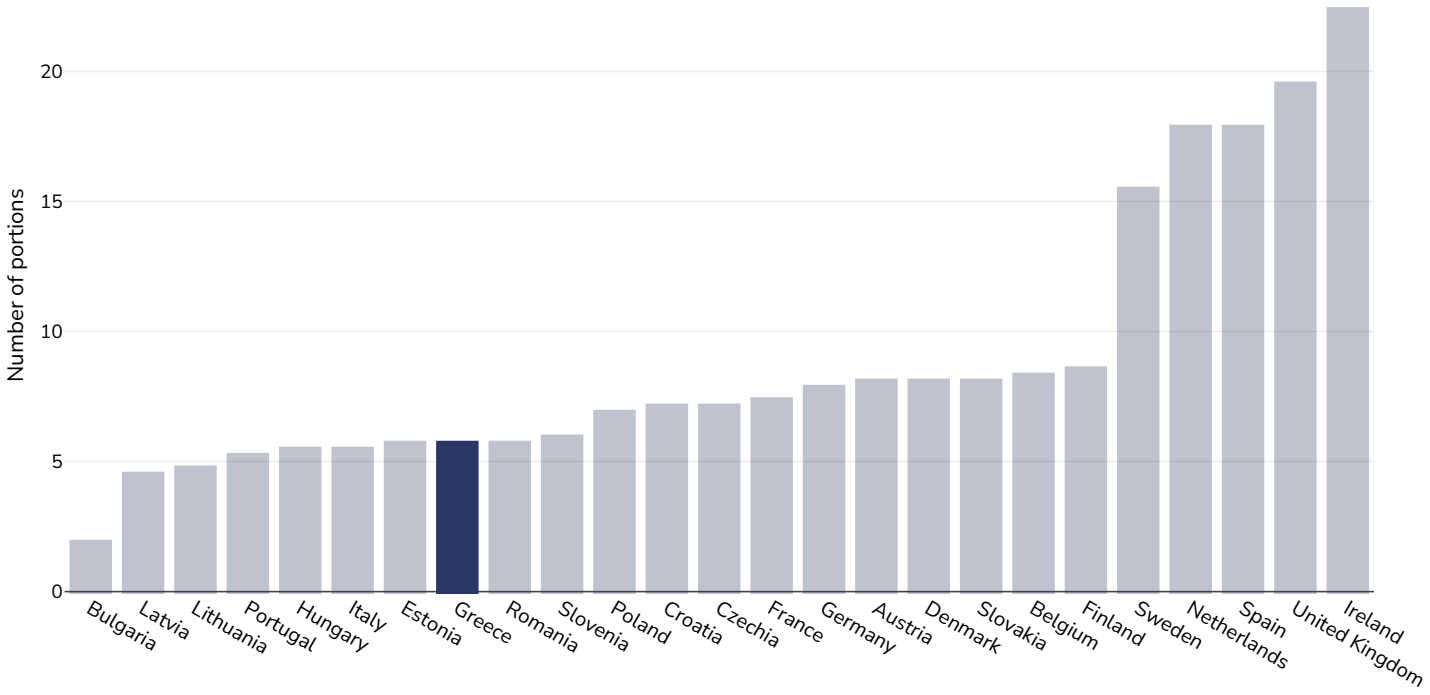
Definitions:	Prevalence of confectionery consumption (Number of 50g confectionery portions/person/month)

Prevalence of sweet/savoury snack consumption

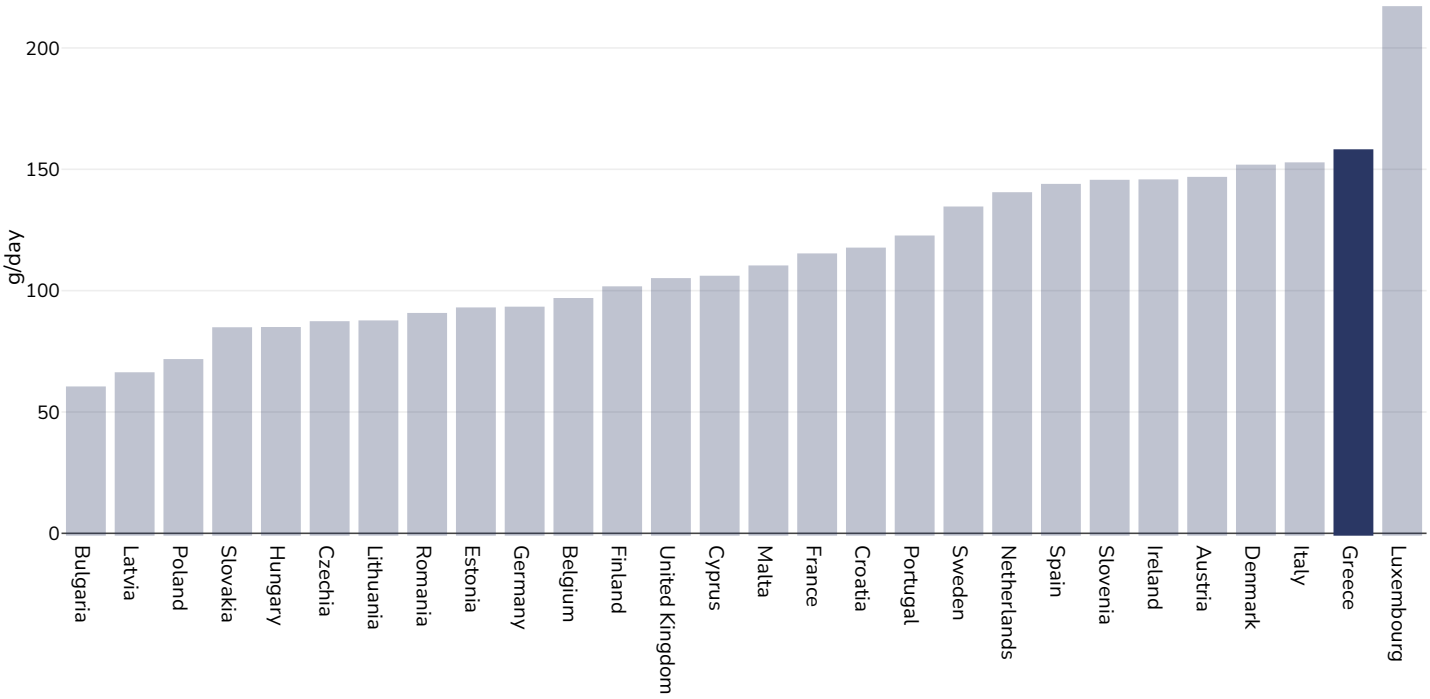
Adults, 2016



References:	Source: Euromonitor International
Definitions:	Prevalence of sweet/savoury snack consumption (Number of 35g sweet/savoury snack portions/person/month)

Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25+
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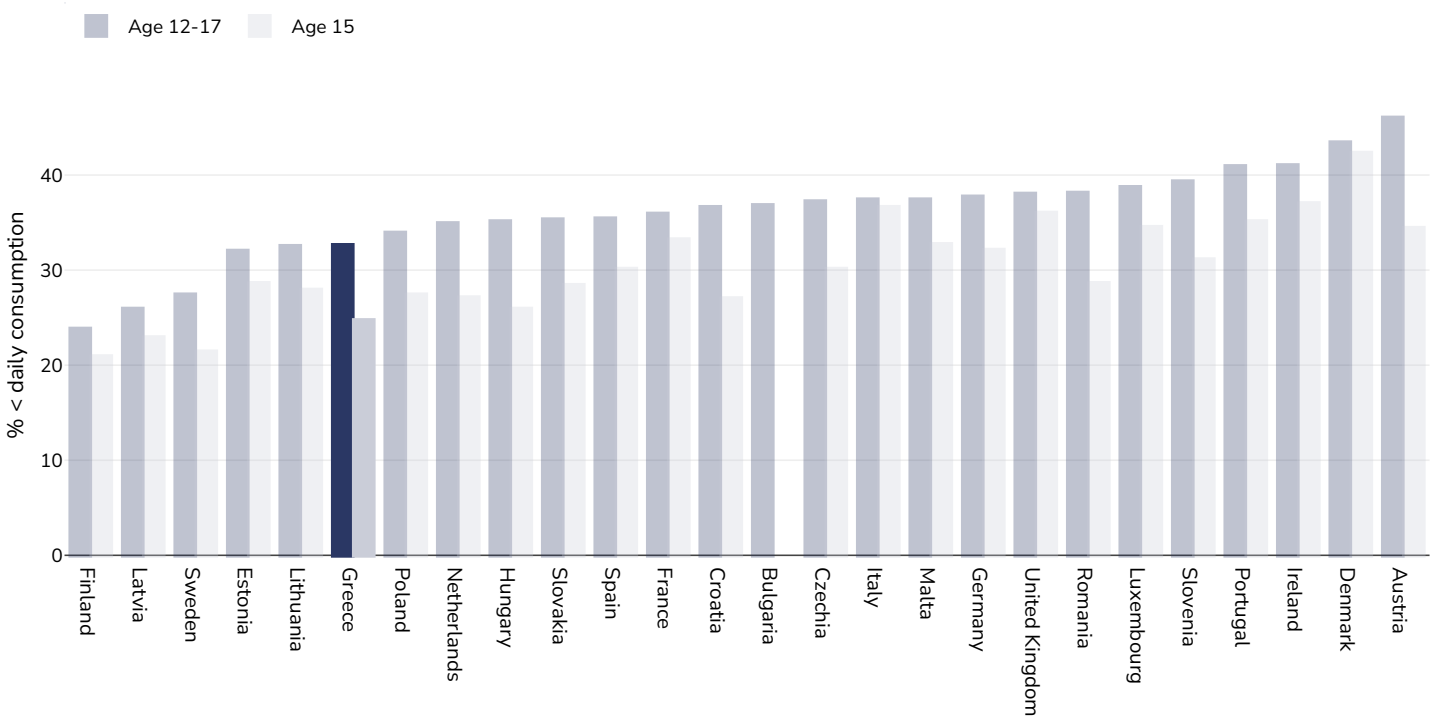
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2014



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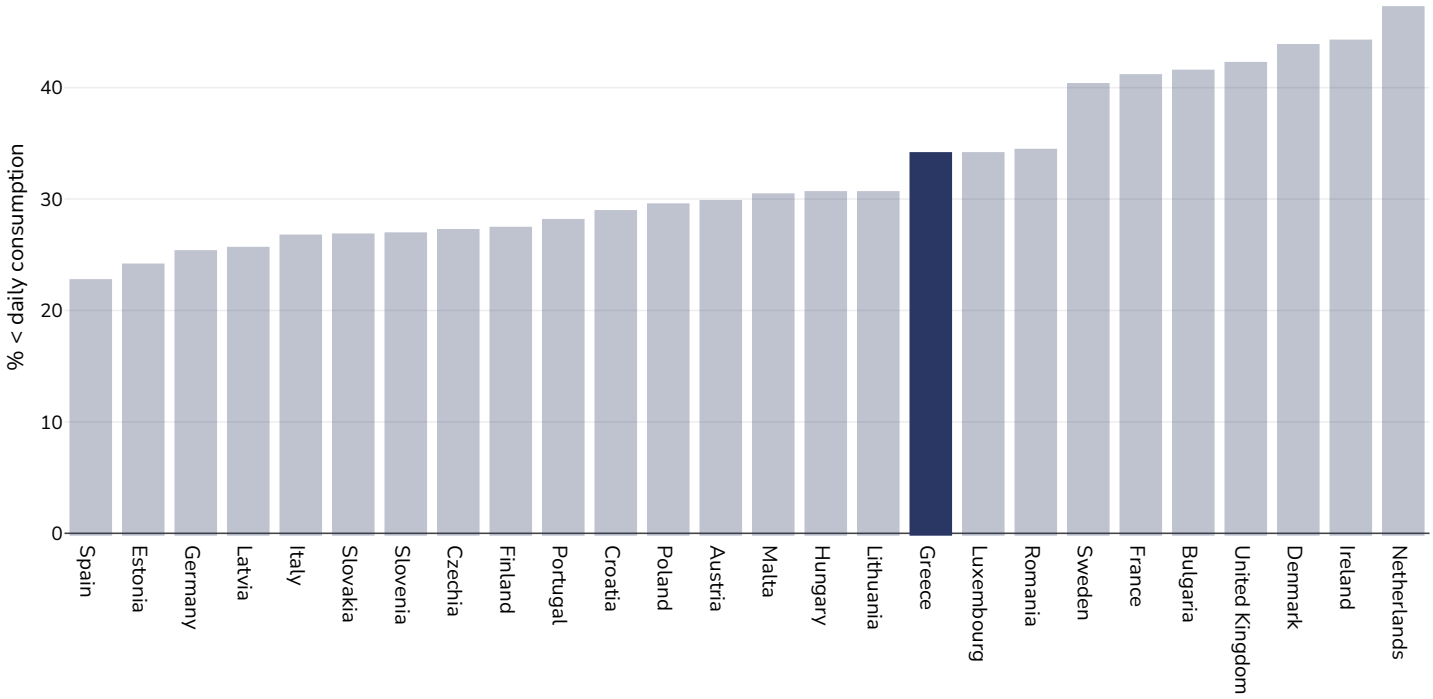
Definitions:	Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)

Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2014



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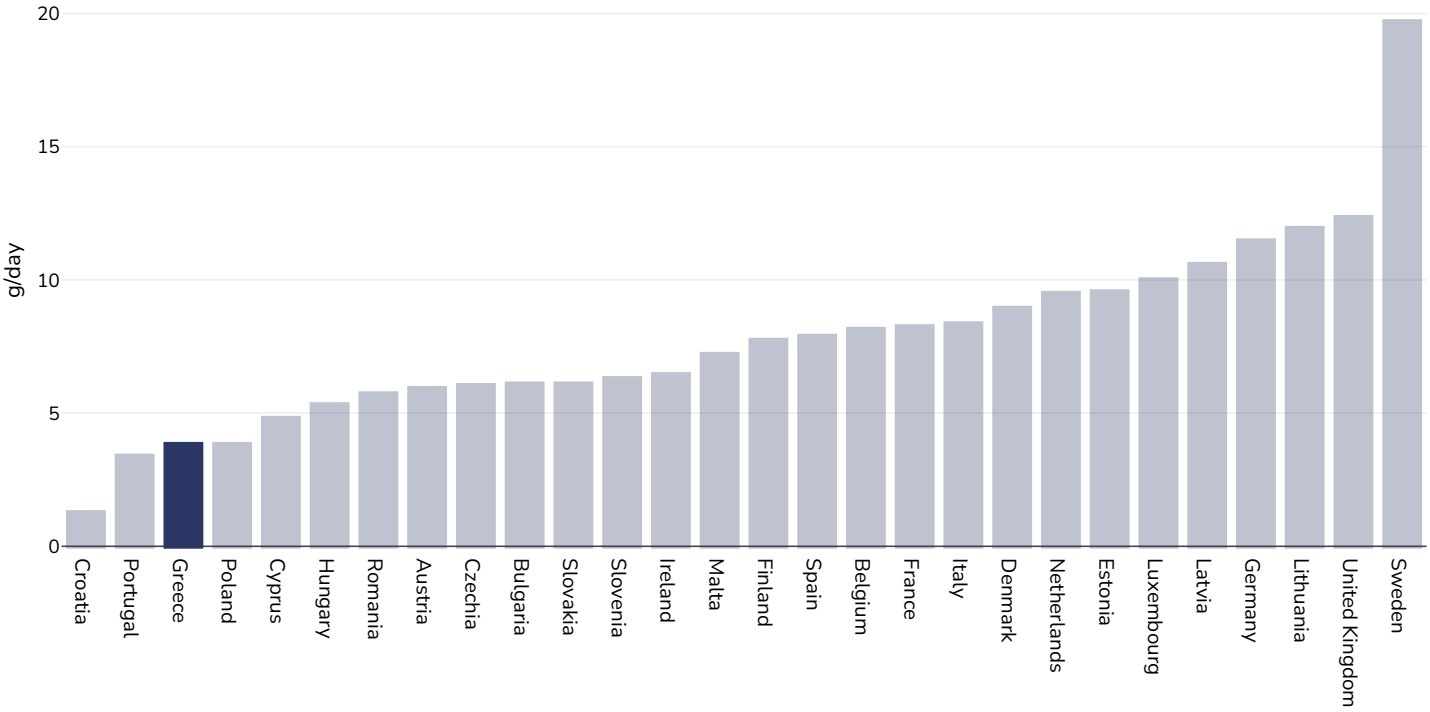
References:	Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287 sourced from Food Systems Dashboard http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system
Definitions:	Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption (% less-than-daily vegetable consumption)

Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



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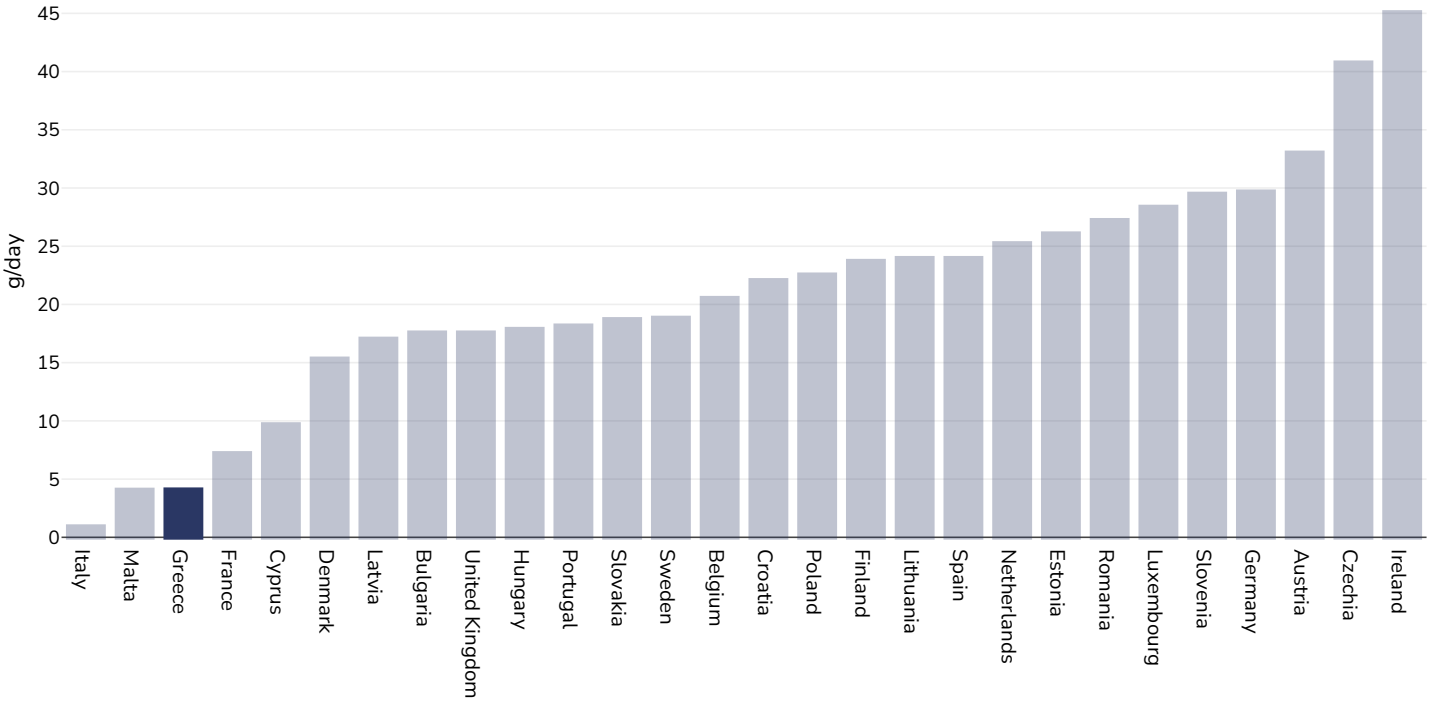
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita processed meat intake (g per day)

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



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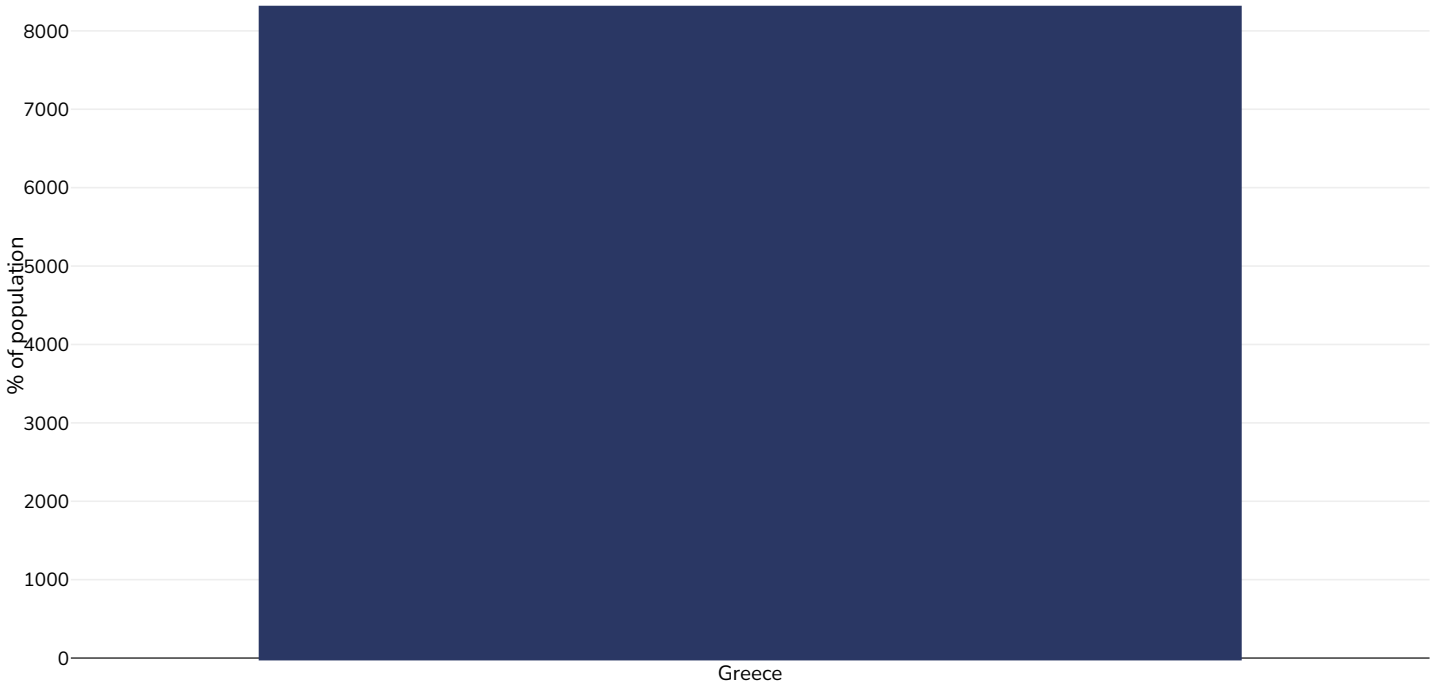
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



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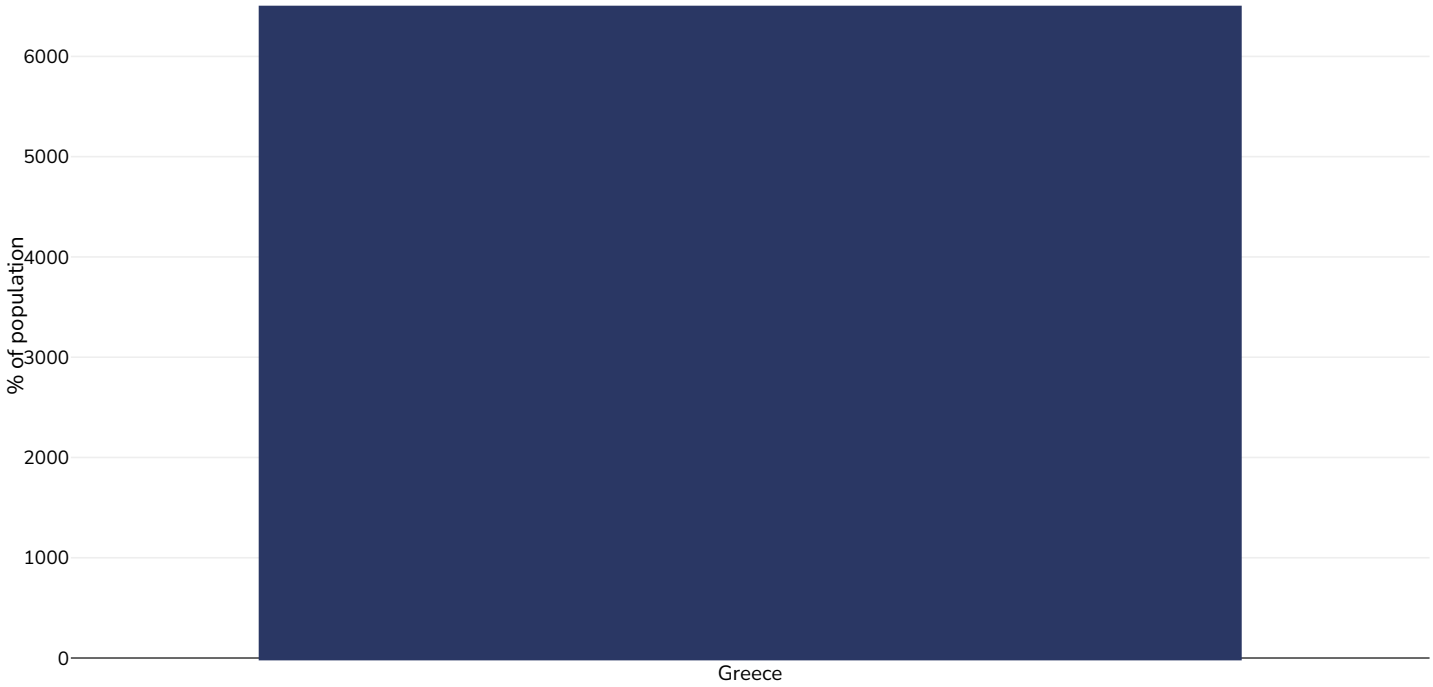
Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021



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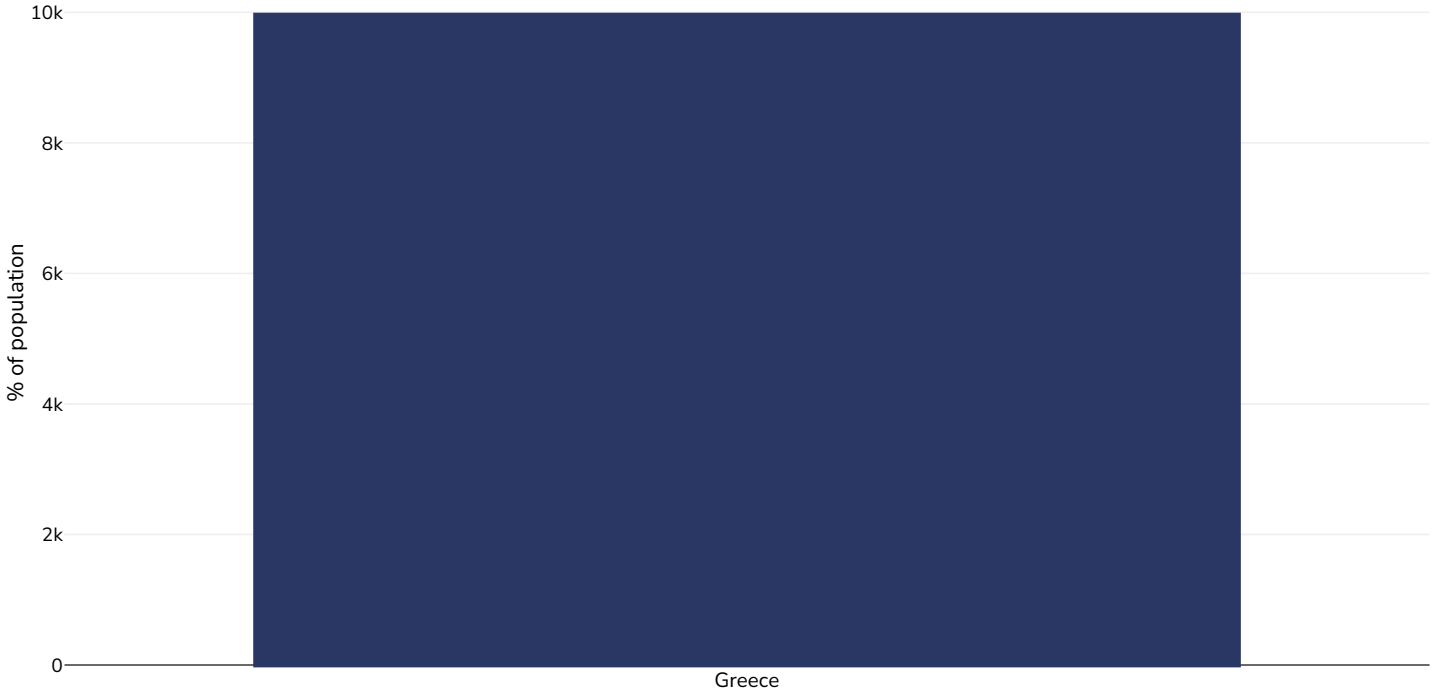
Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Women, 2021



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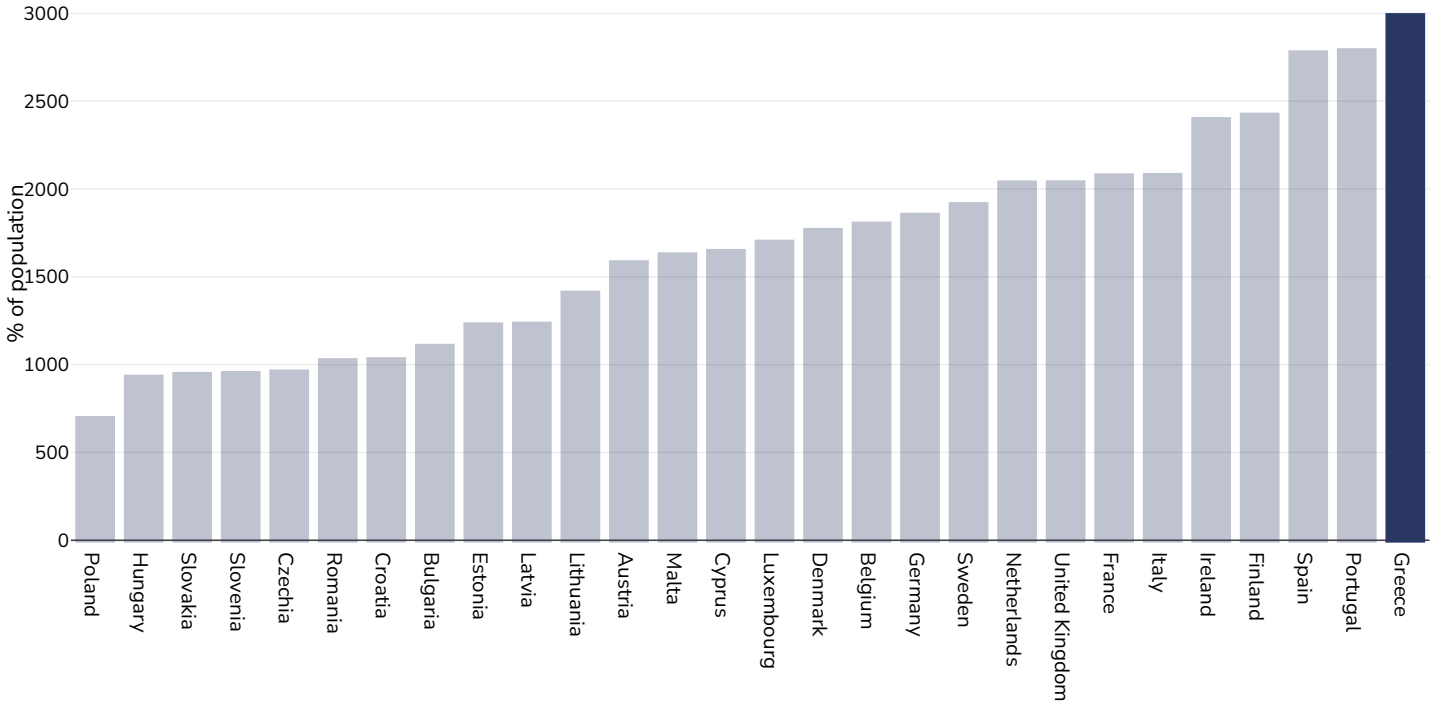
Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Children, 2021



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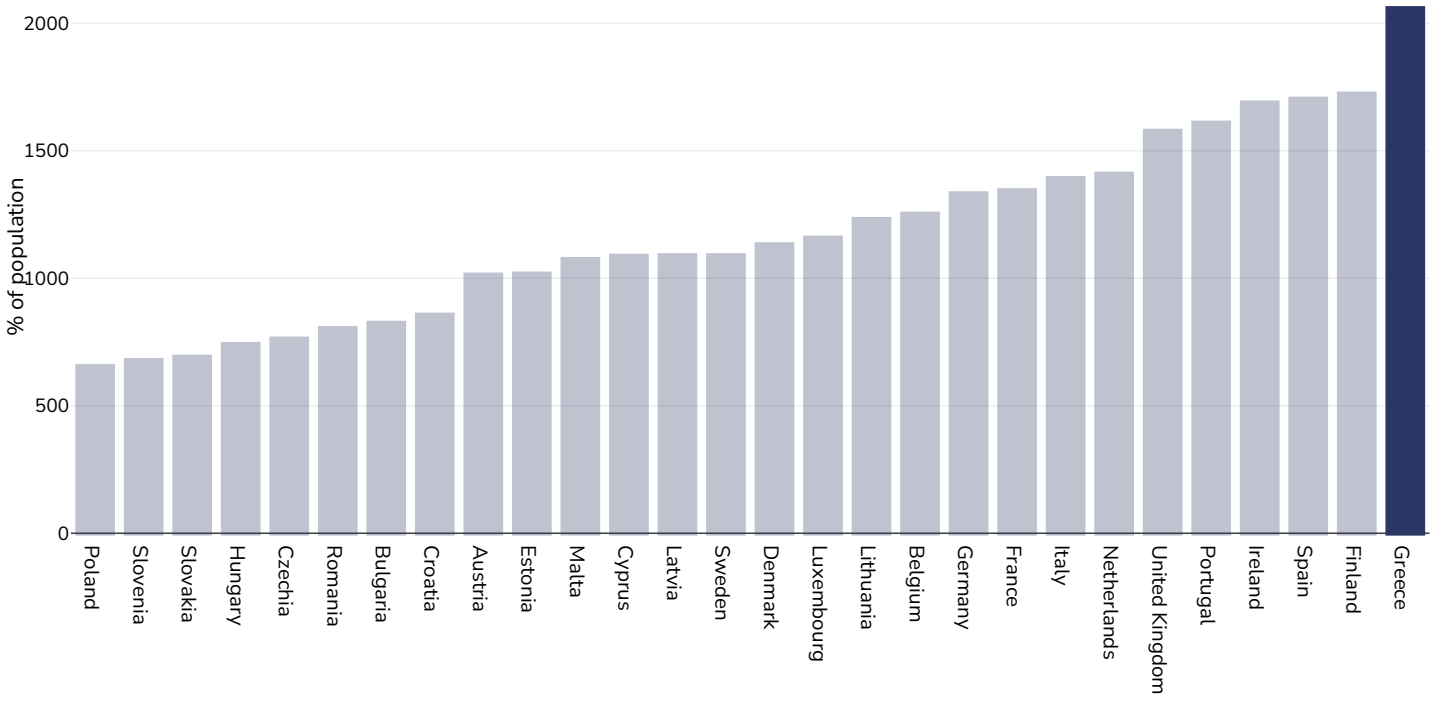
Definitions:	Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

Boys, 2021



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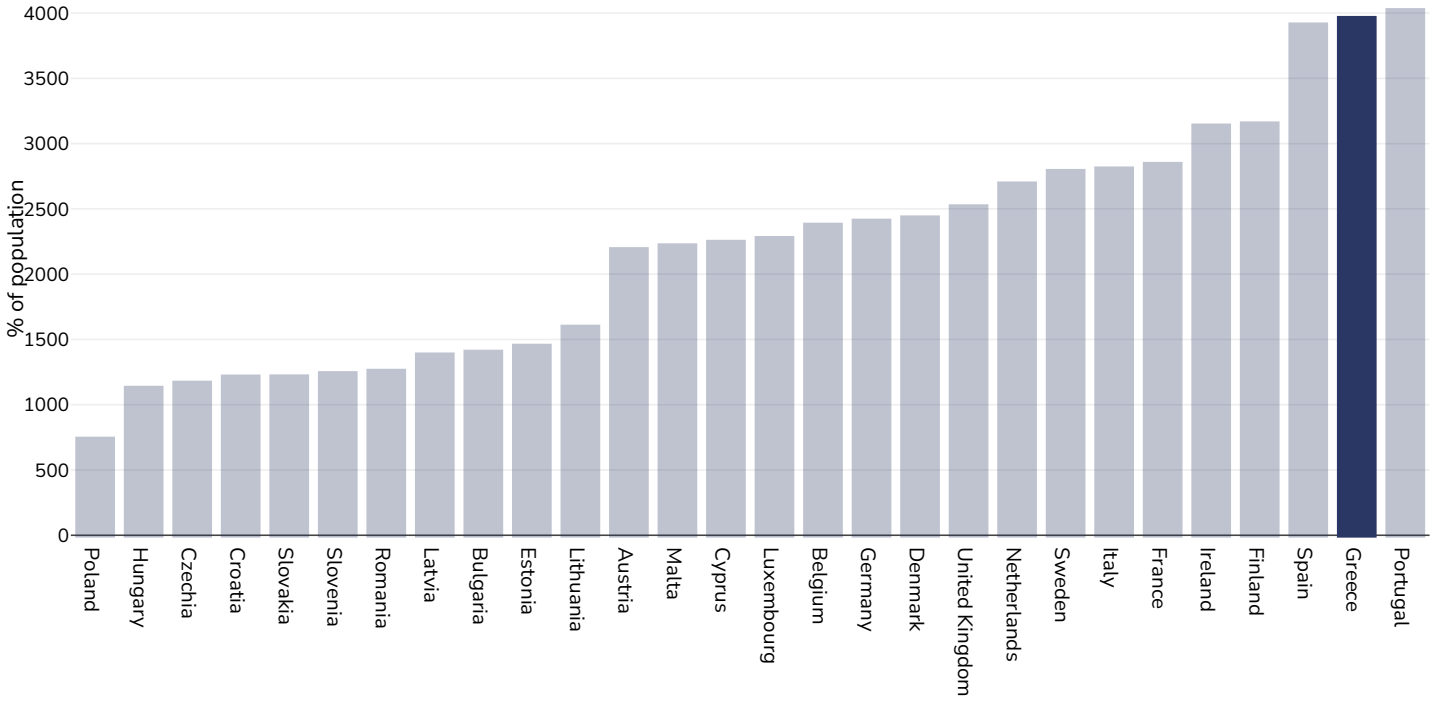
Girls, 2021



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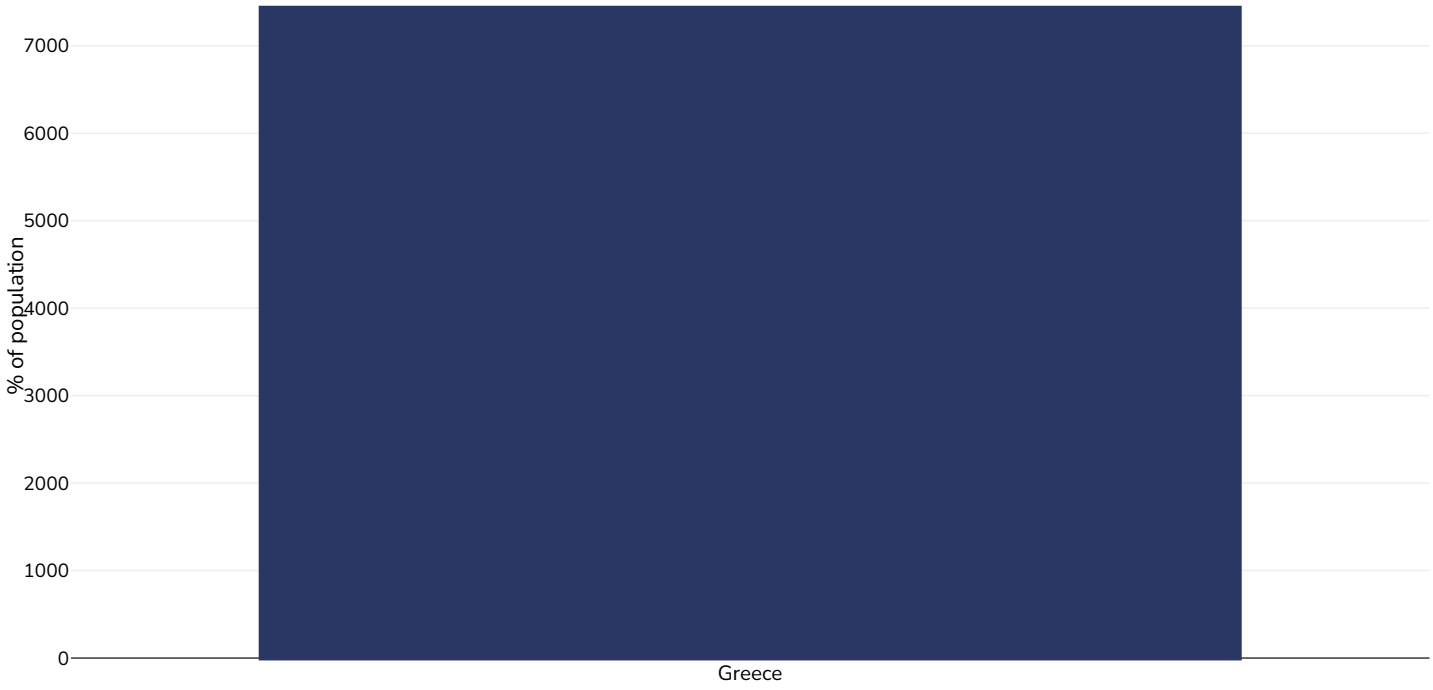
Definitions:	Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2021



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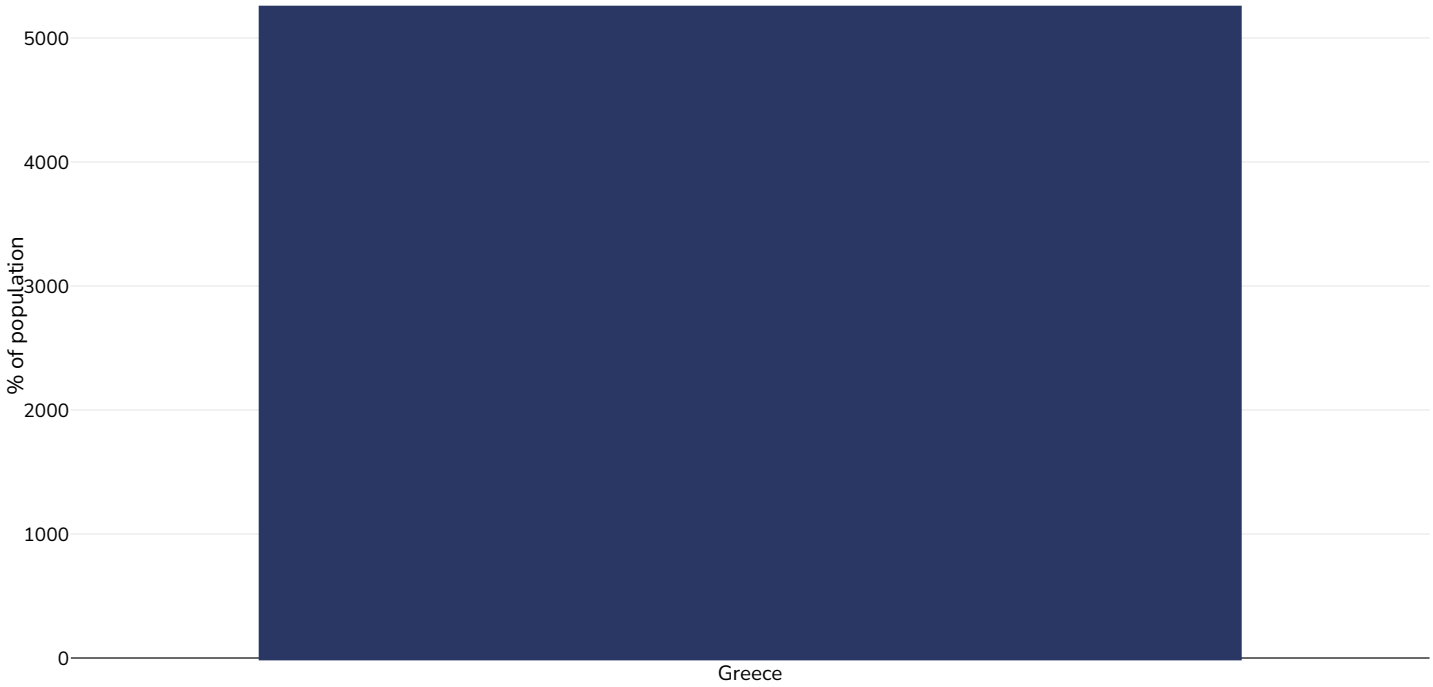
Definitions:	Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Men, 2021



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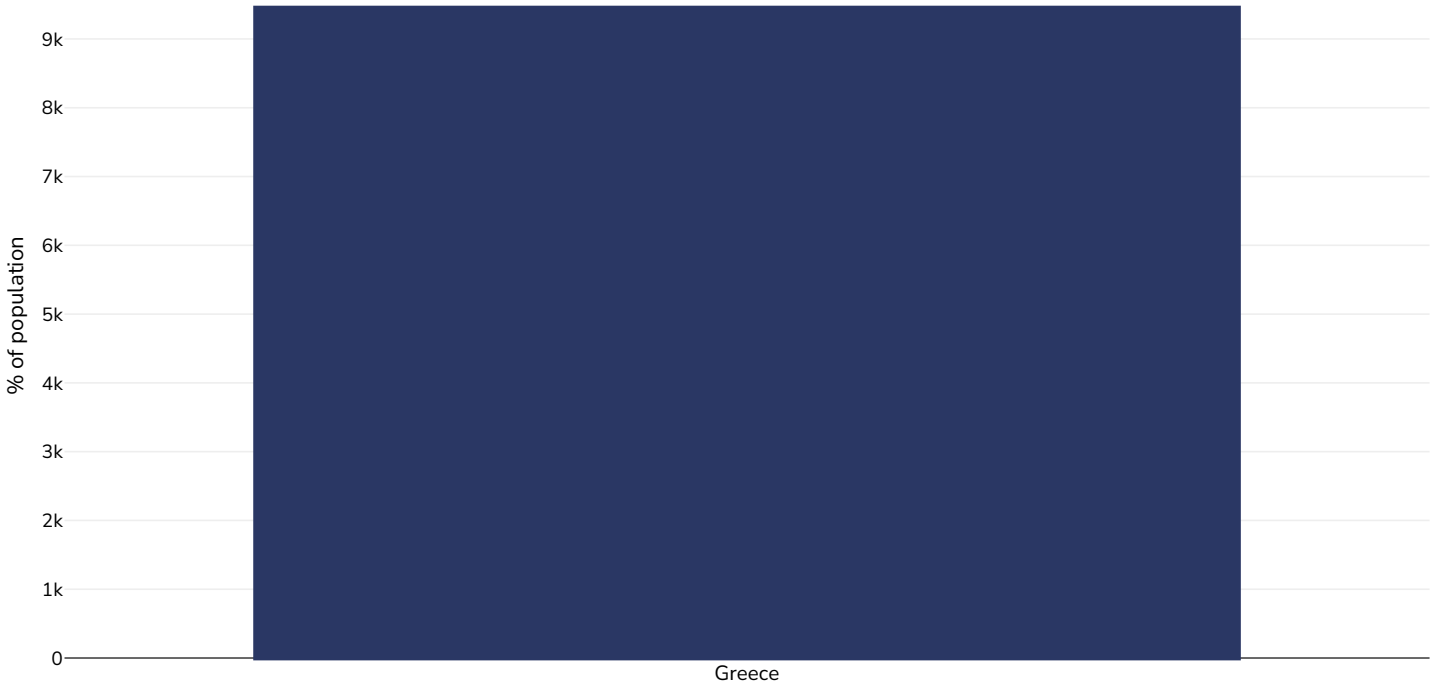
Definitions:	Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Women, 2021



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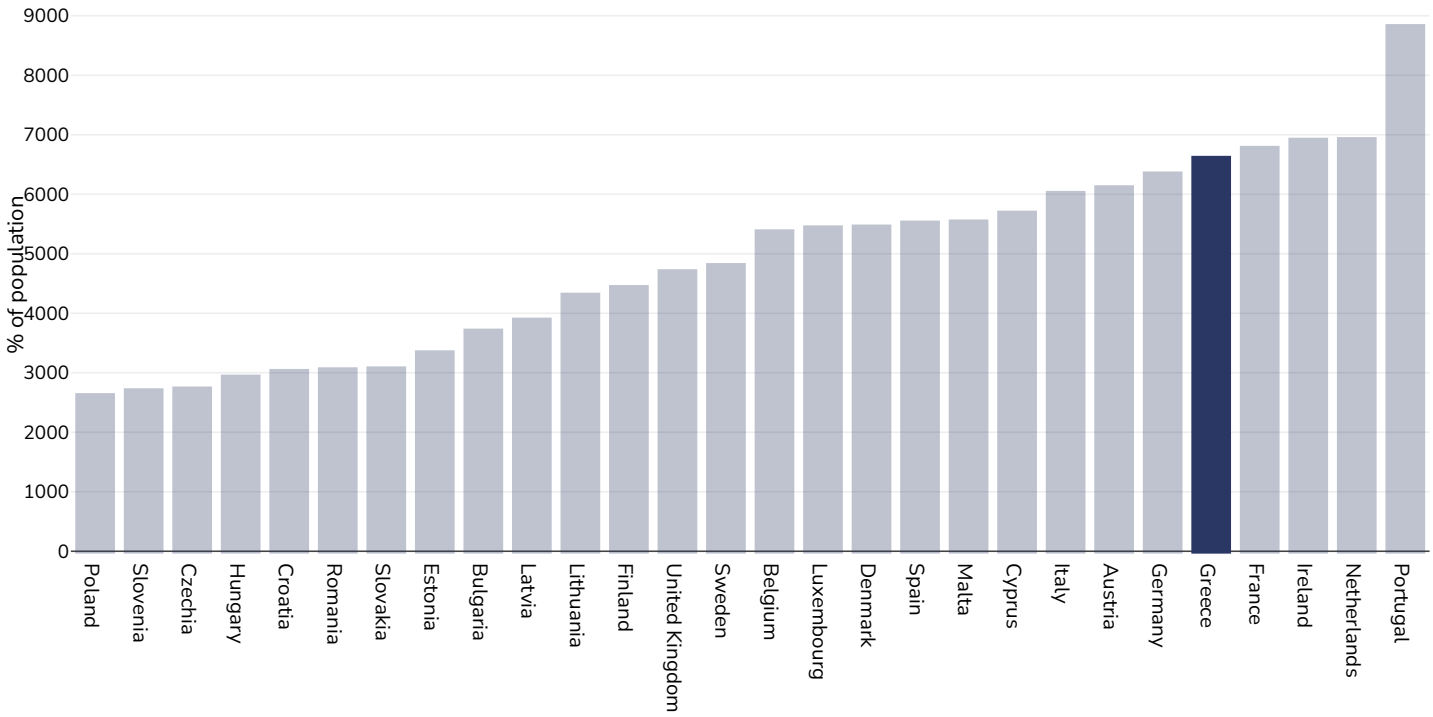
Definitions:	Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Children, 2021



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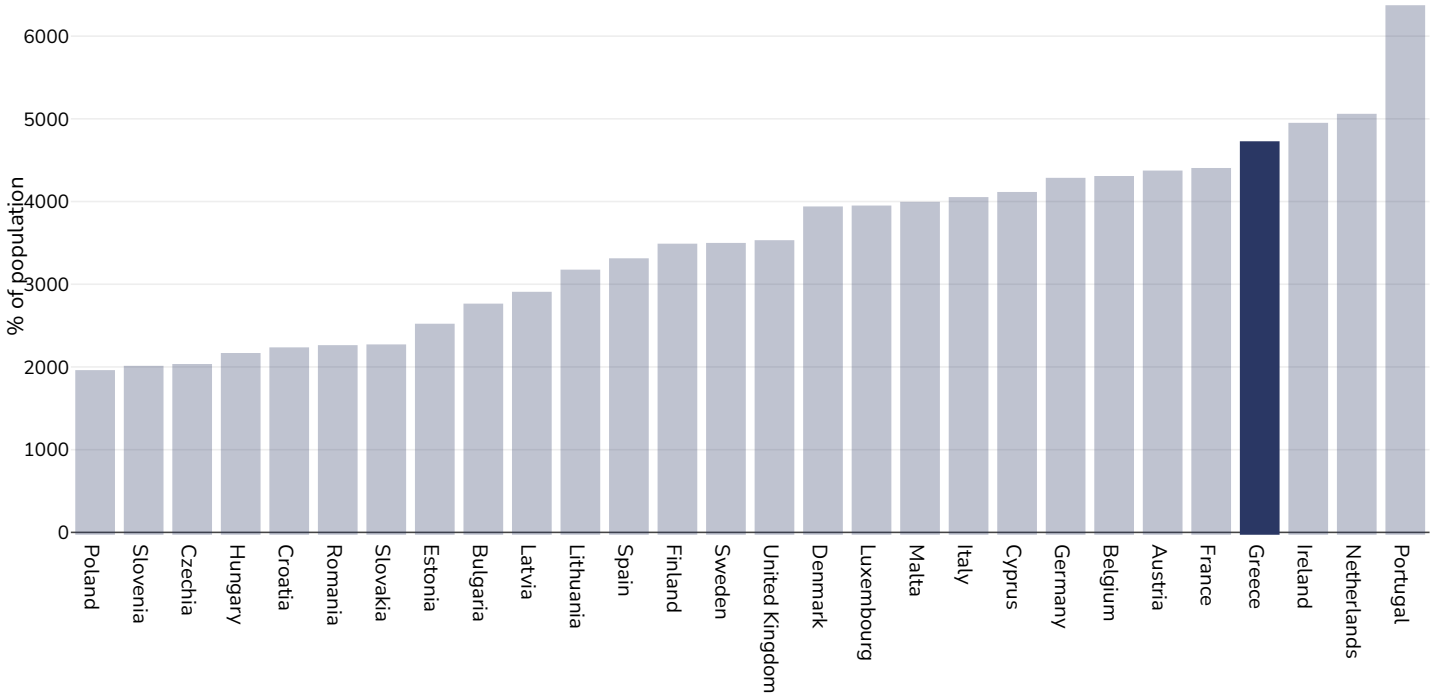

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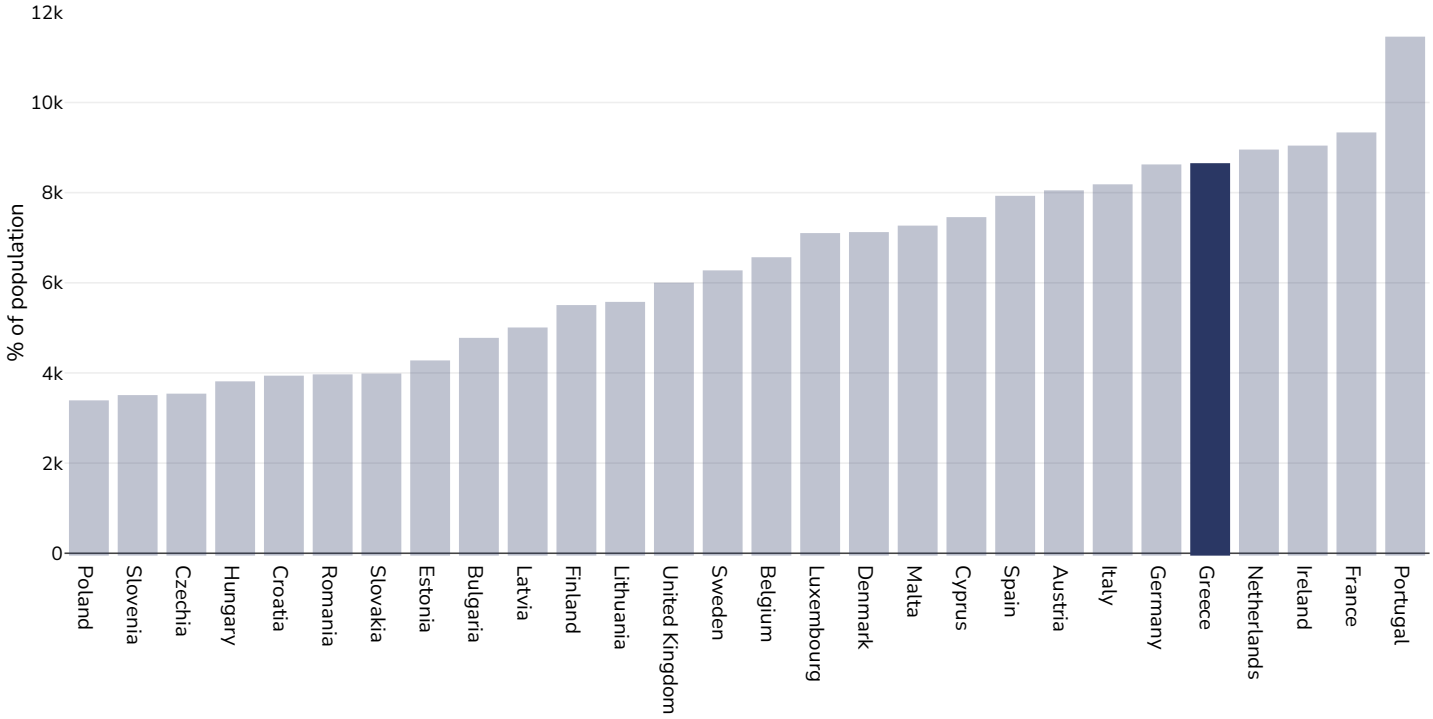

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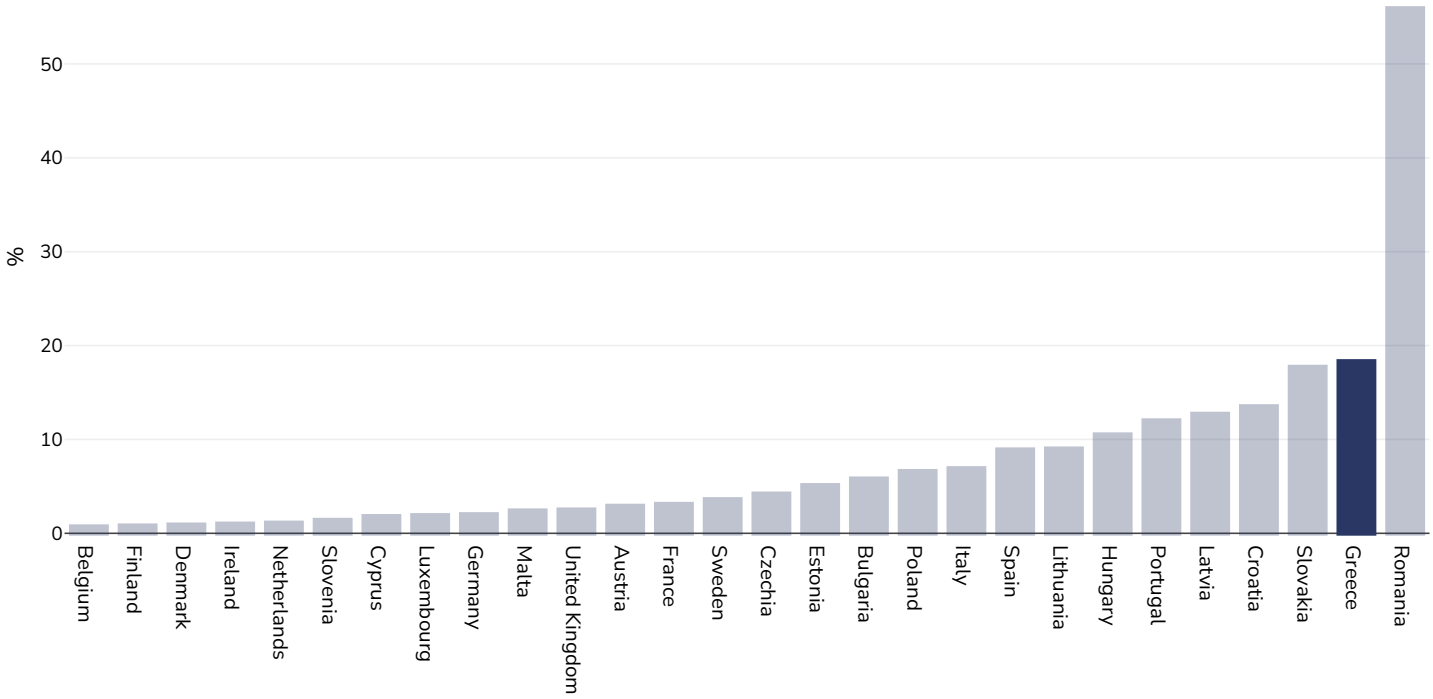
Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

Adults, 2022



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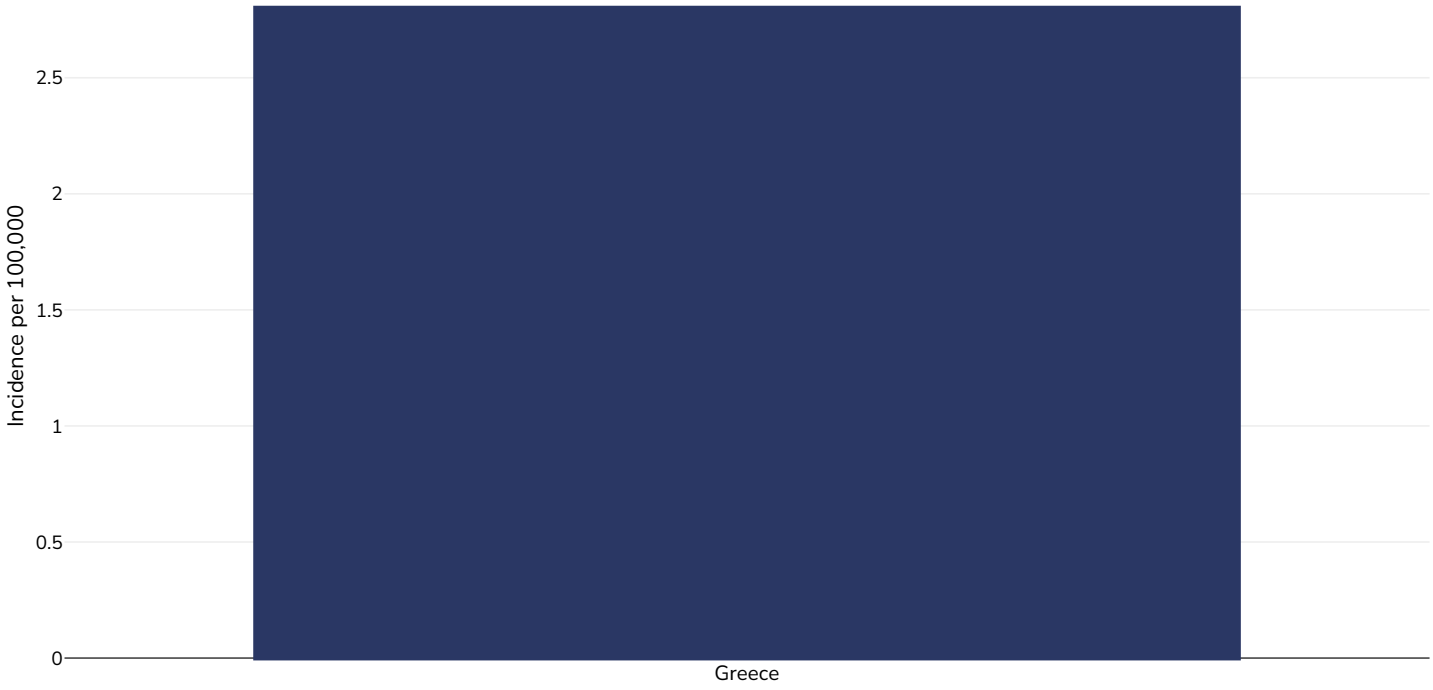
Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022



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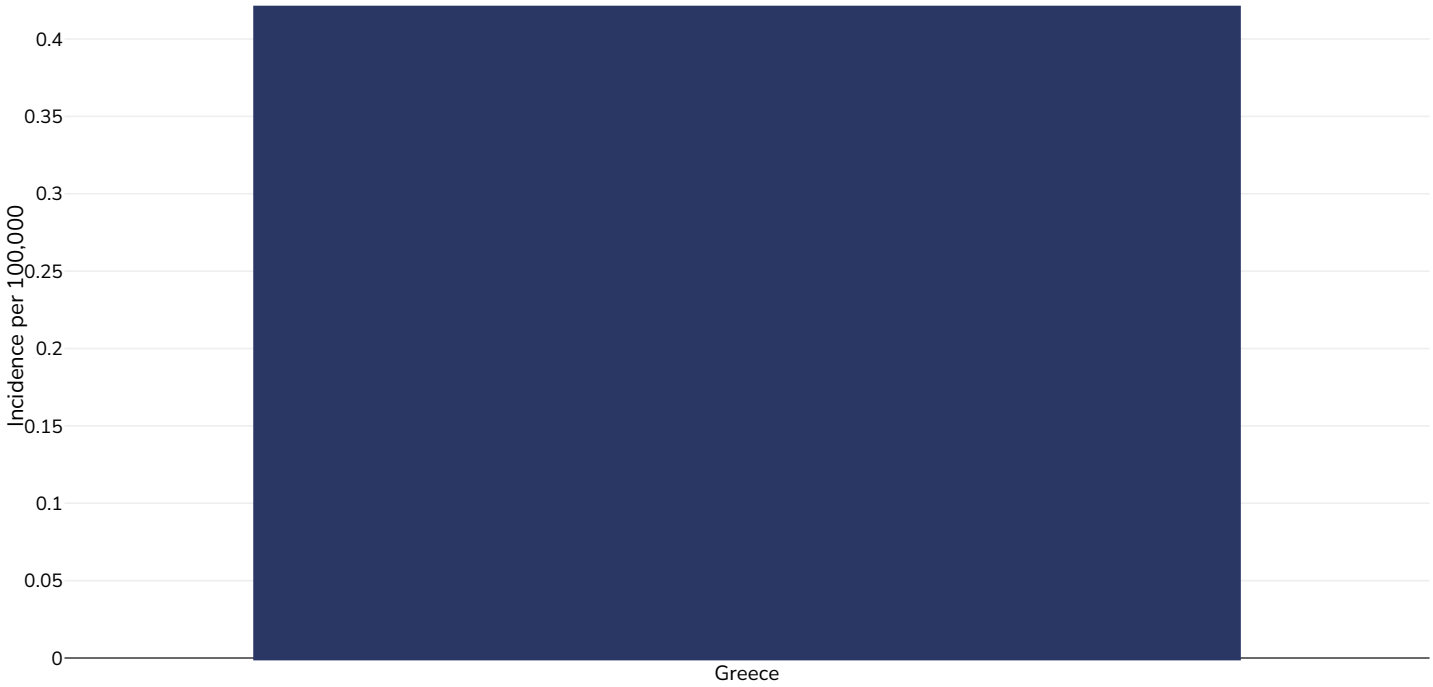
Definitions:	Indicence per 100,000

Women, 2022



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Breast cancer

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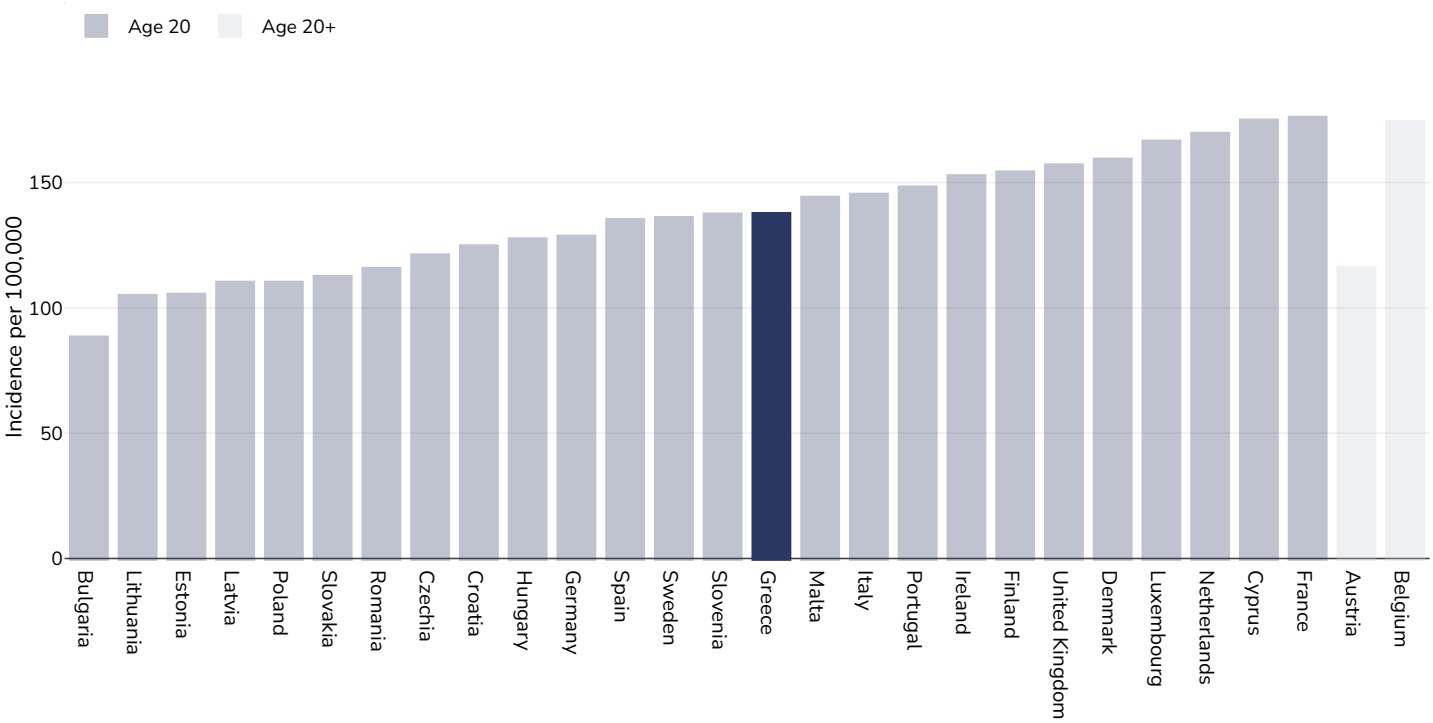

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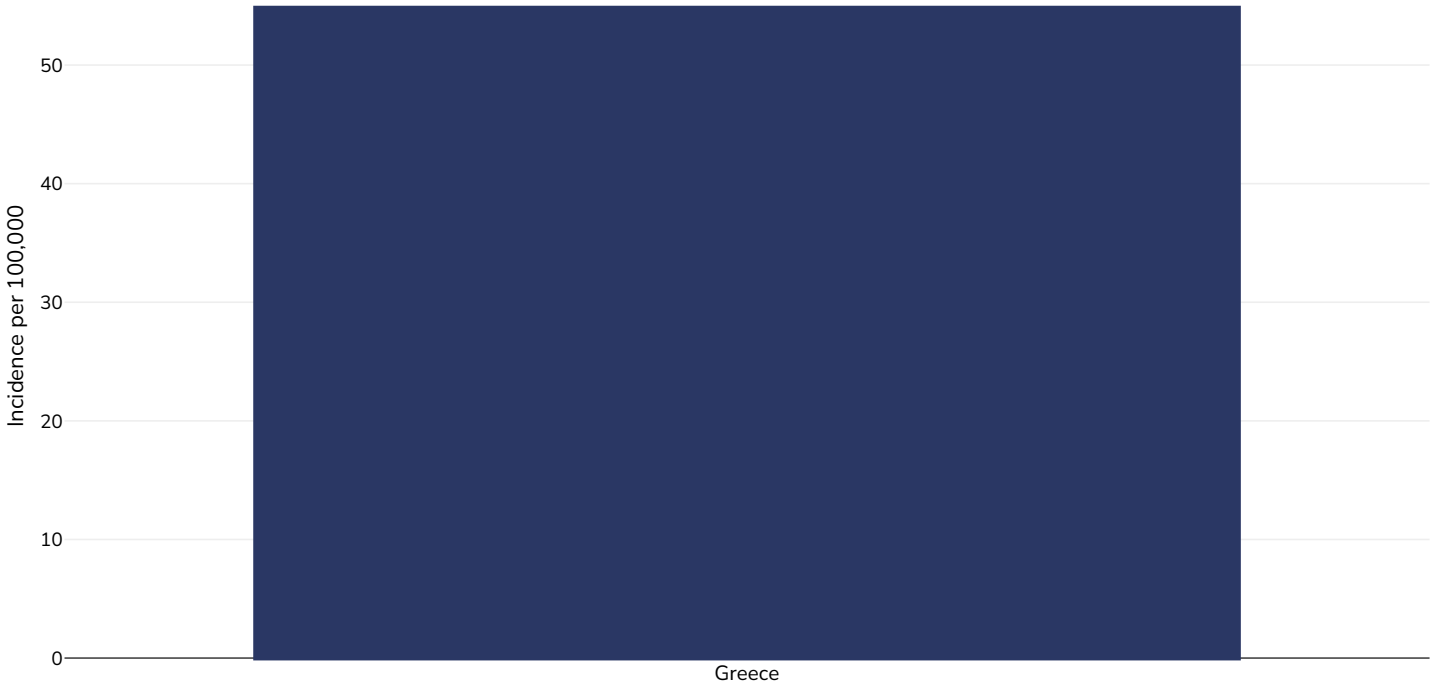
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022



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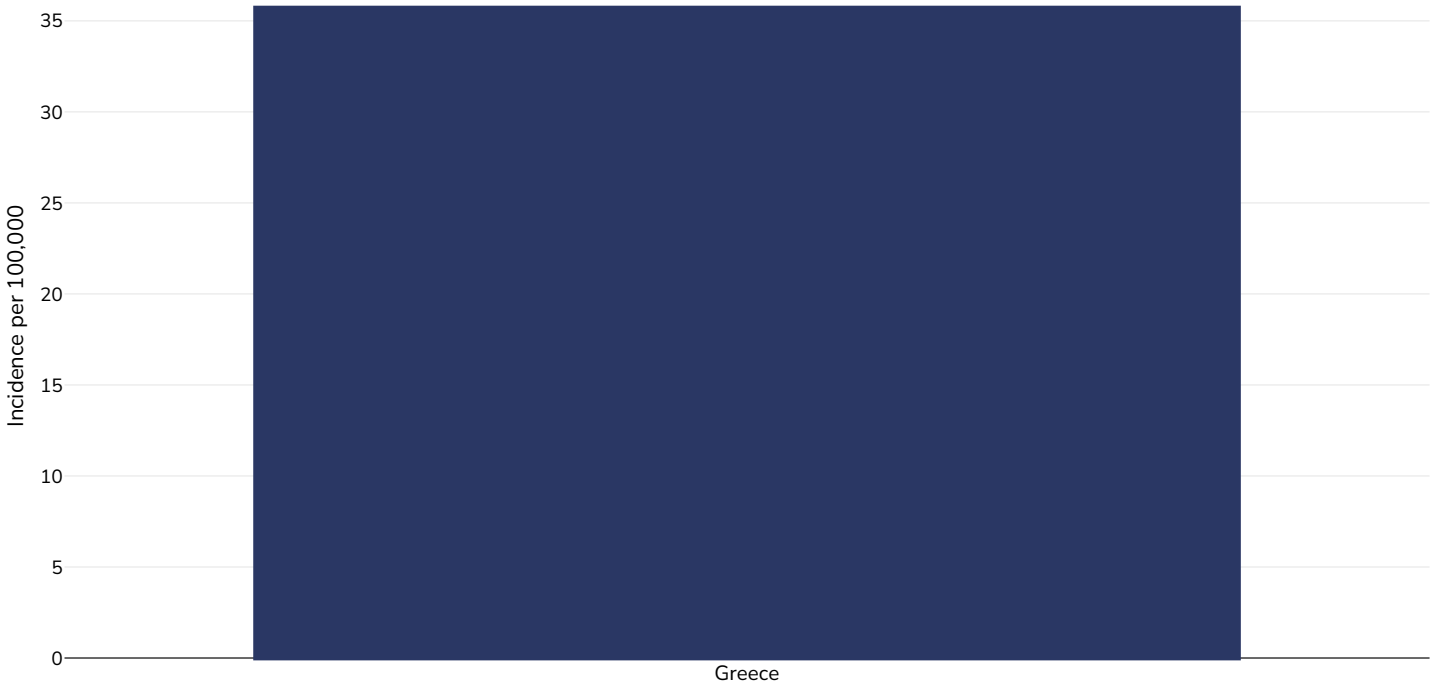
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



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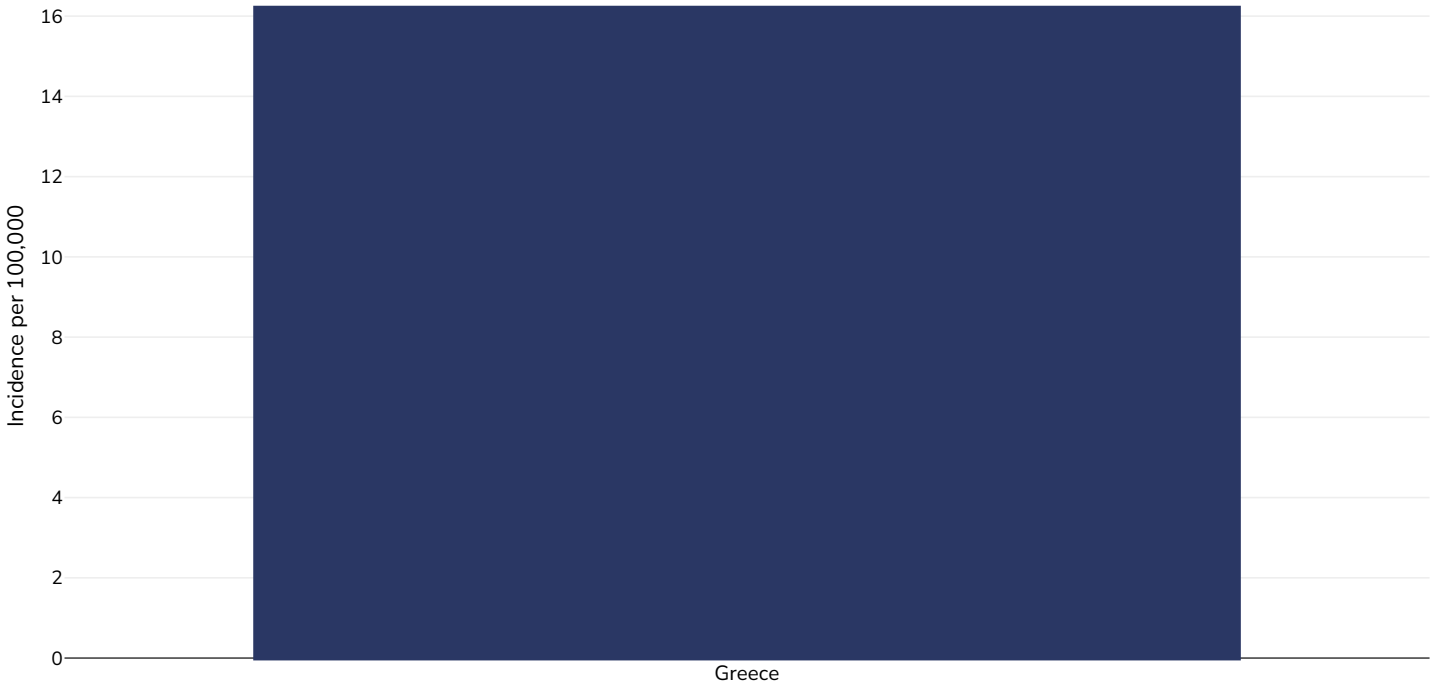
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



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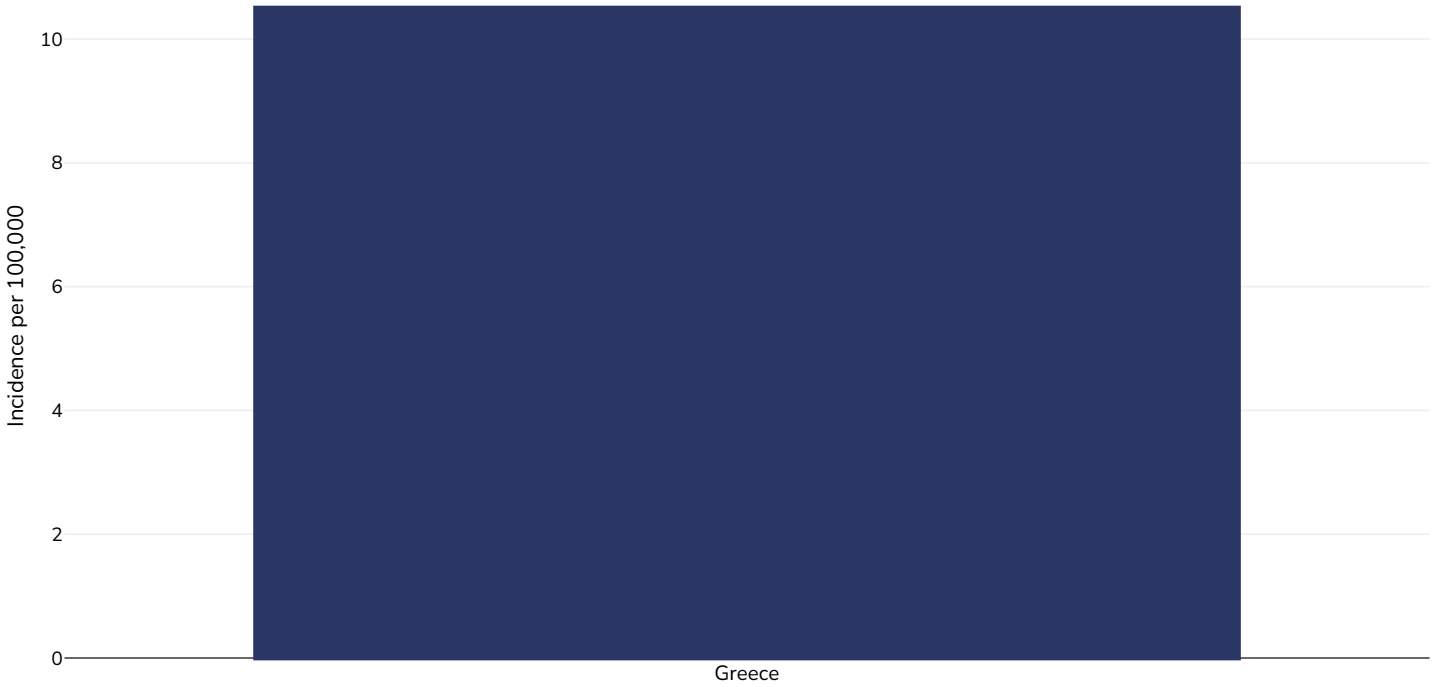
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



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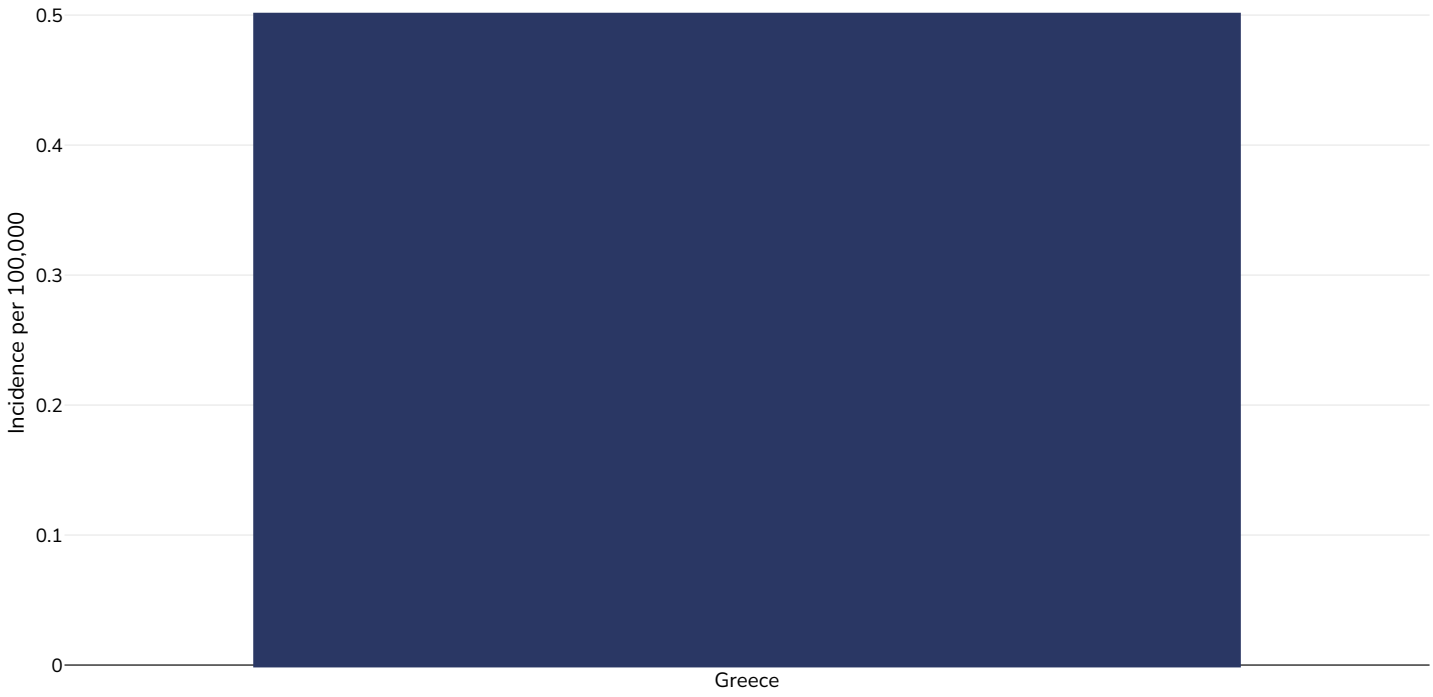
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022



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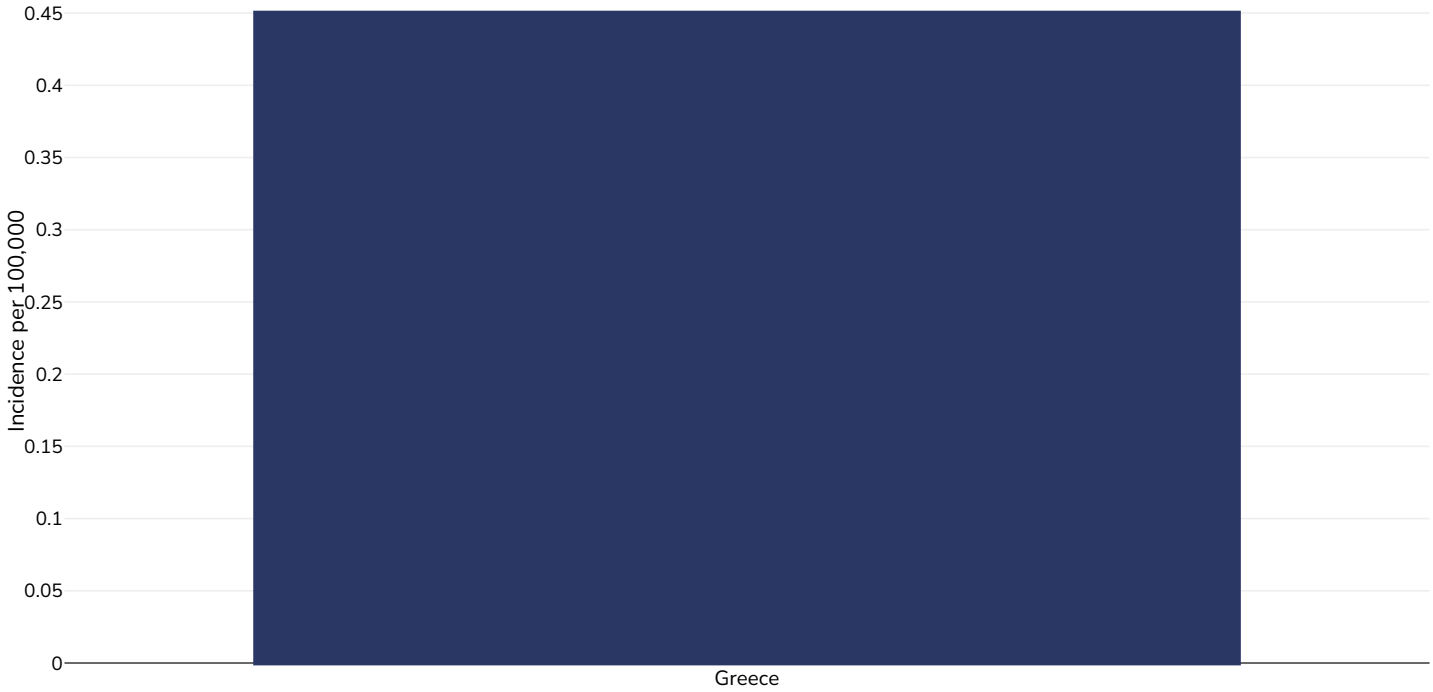
Definitions:	Indicence per 100,000

Women, 2022



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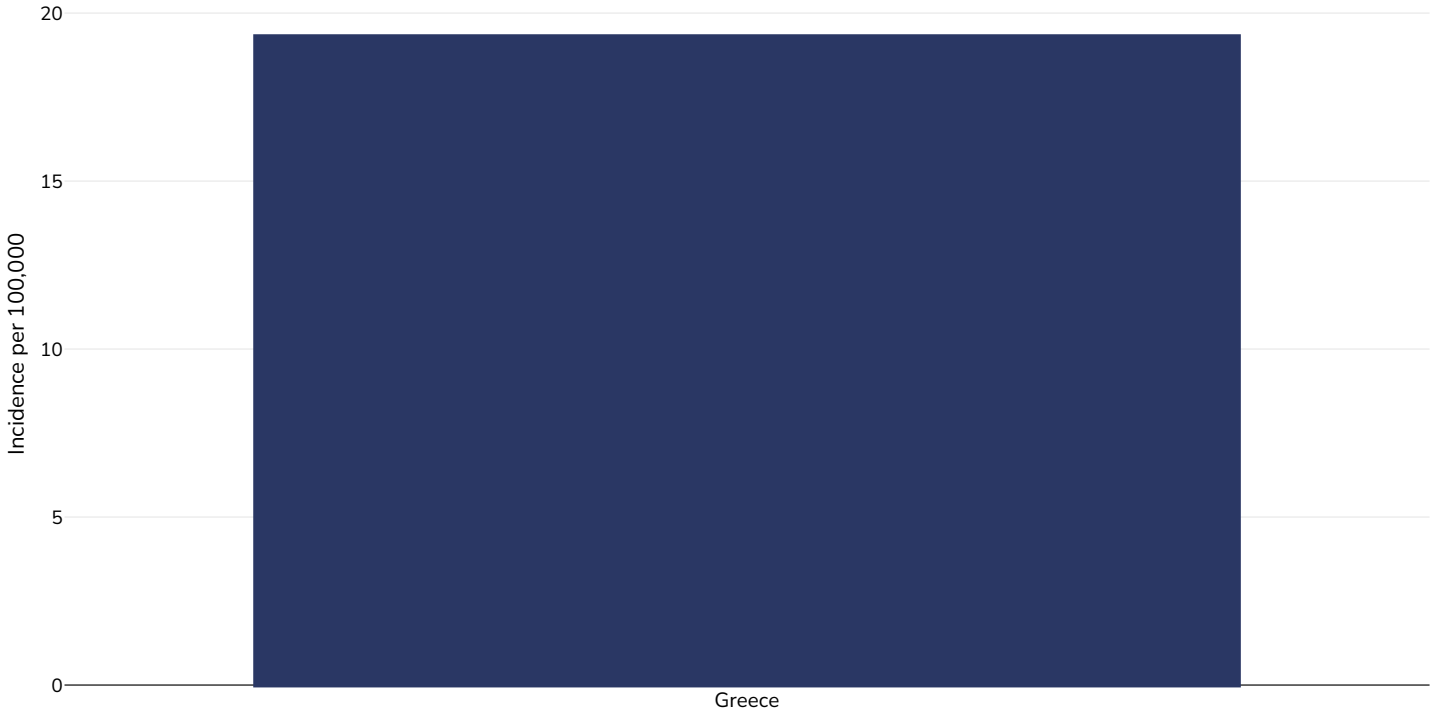
Kidney cancer

Men, 2022



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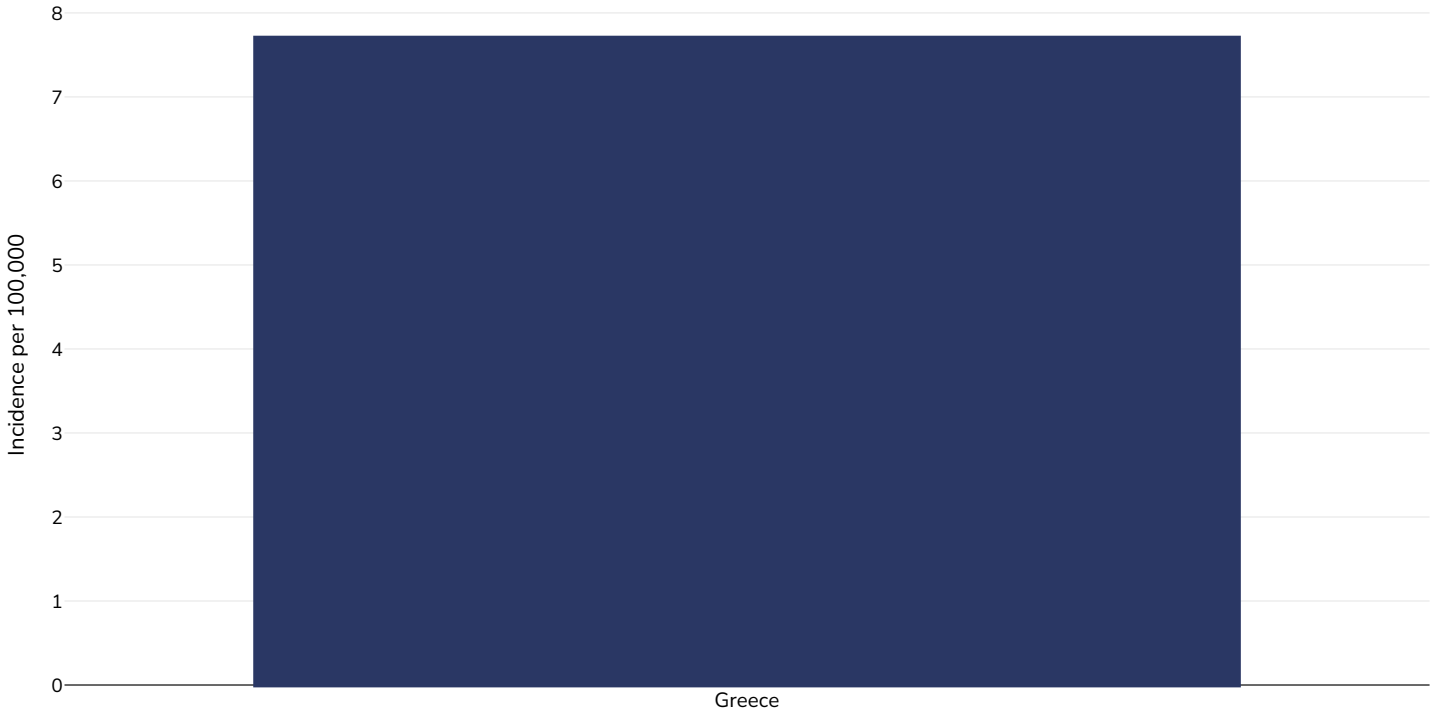
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



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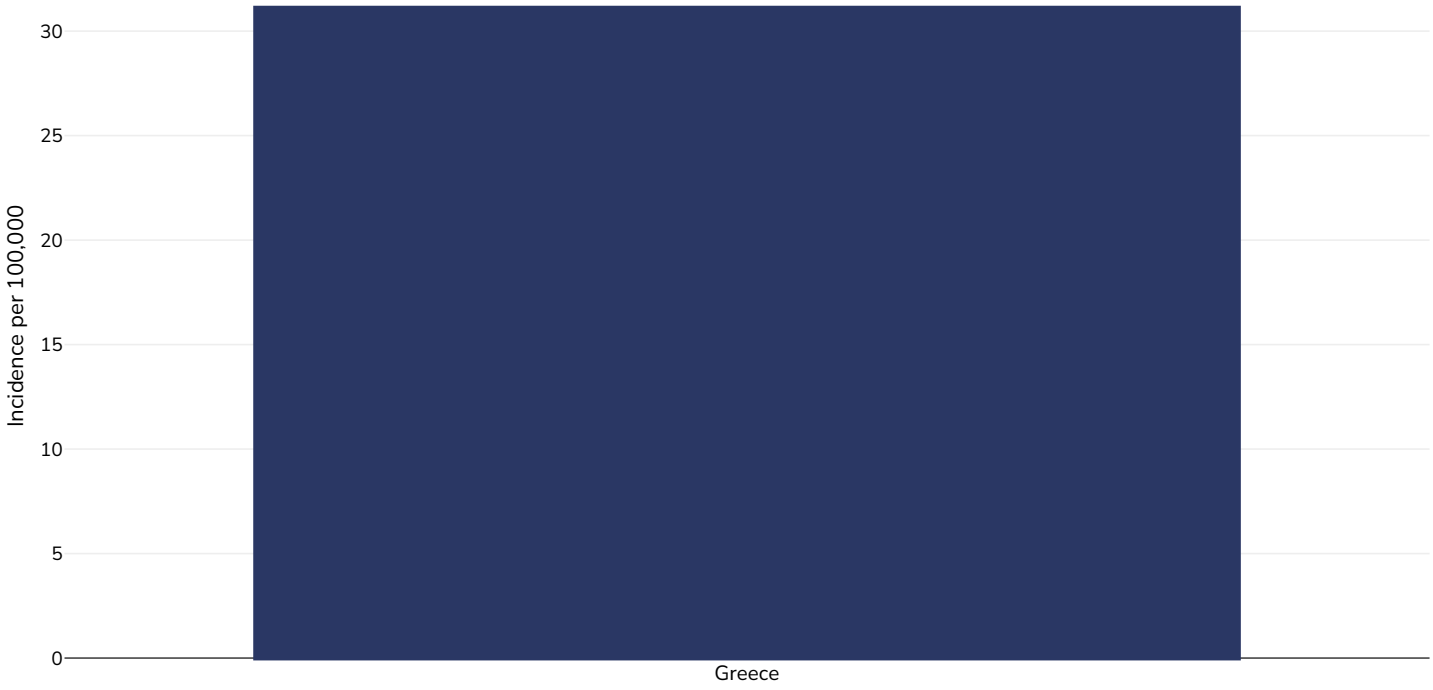
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



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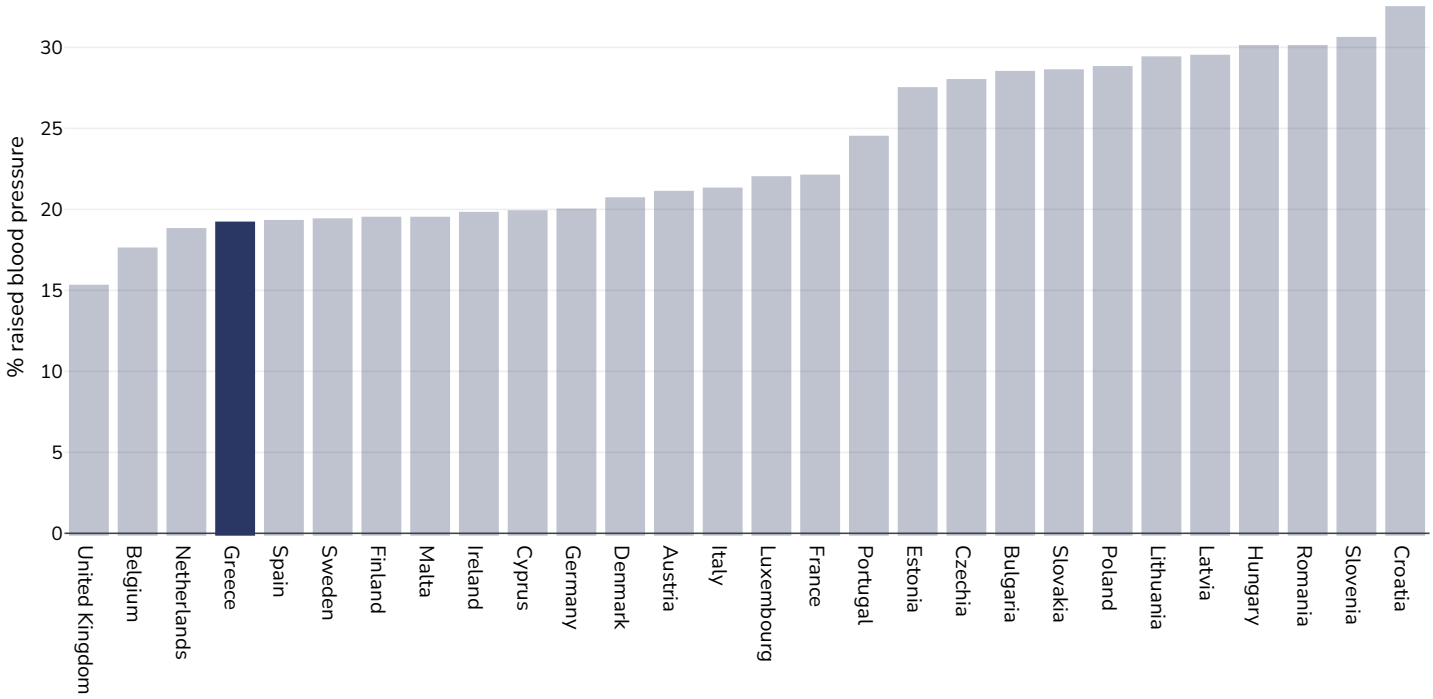
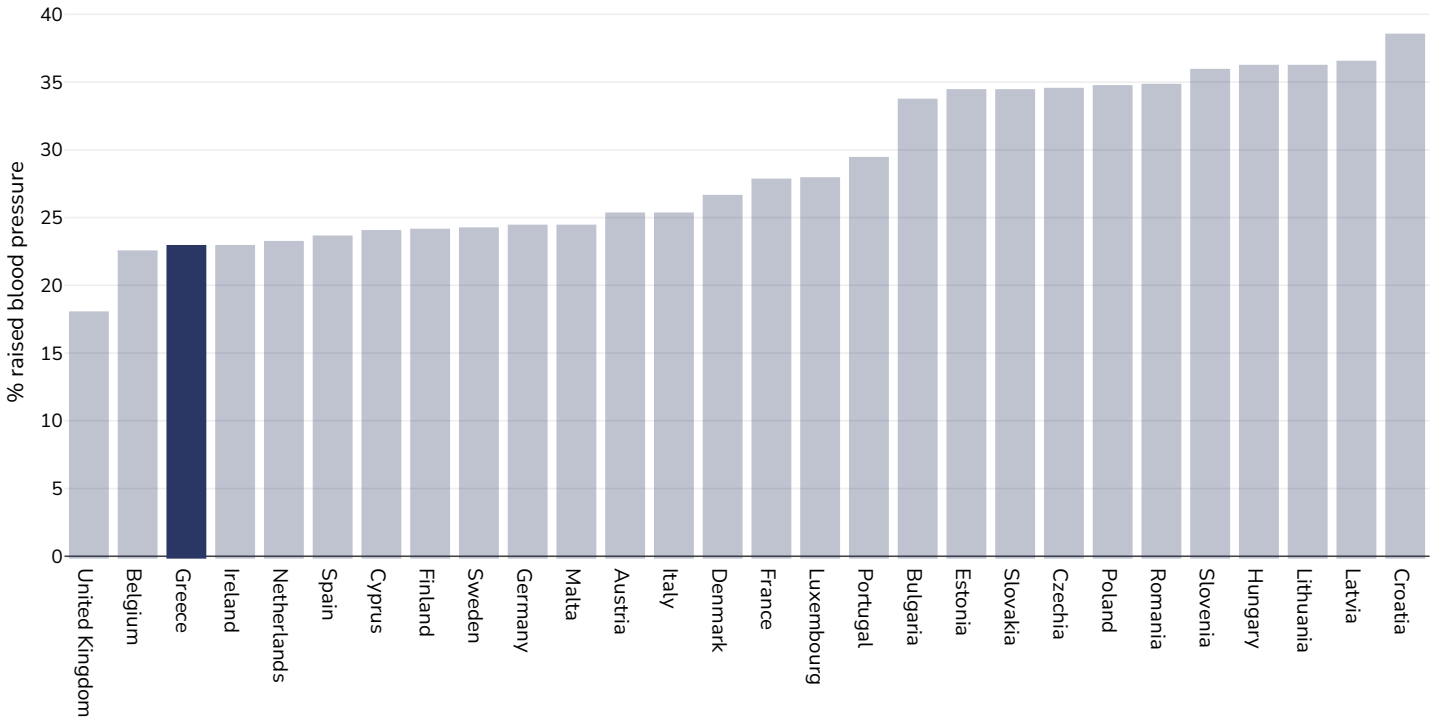
Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en
Definitions:	Age Standardised estimated % Raised blood pressure 2015 (SBP>=140 OR DBP>=90).

Men, 2015



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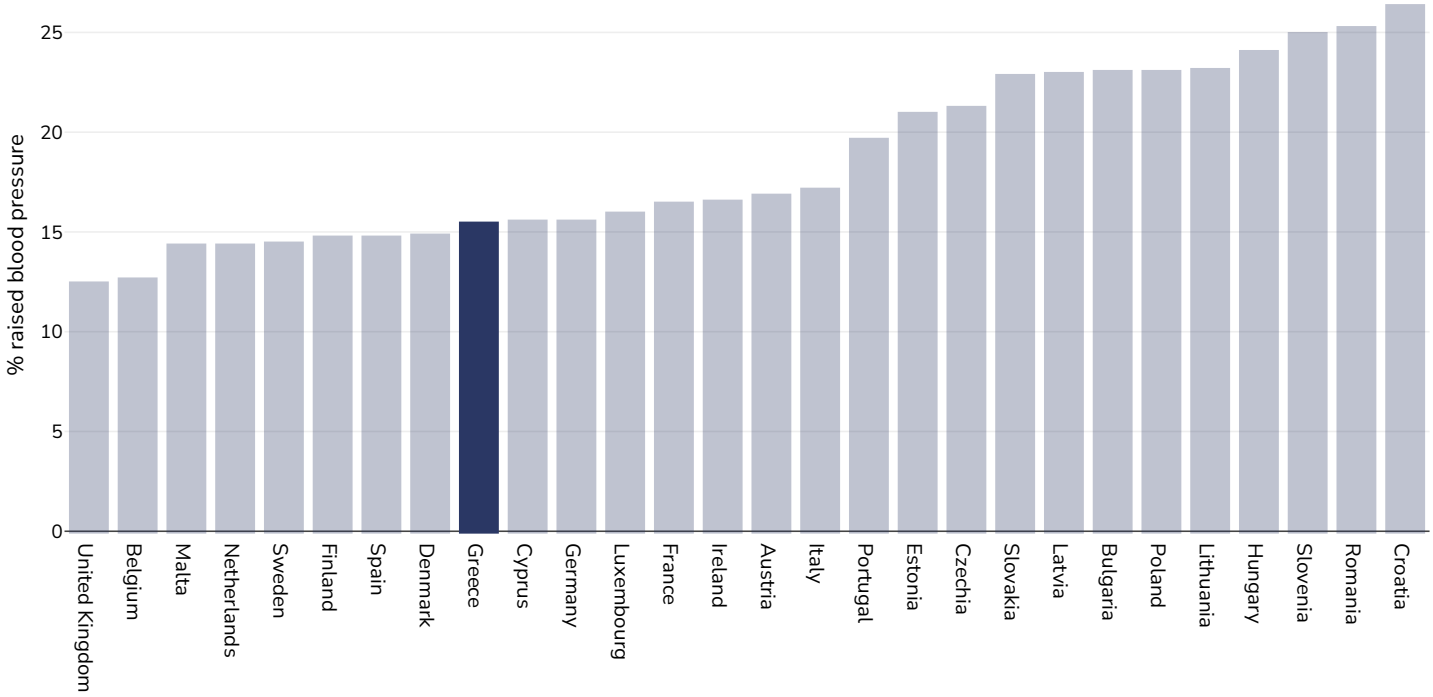
Women, 2015



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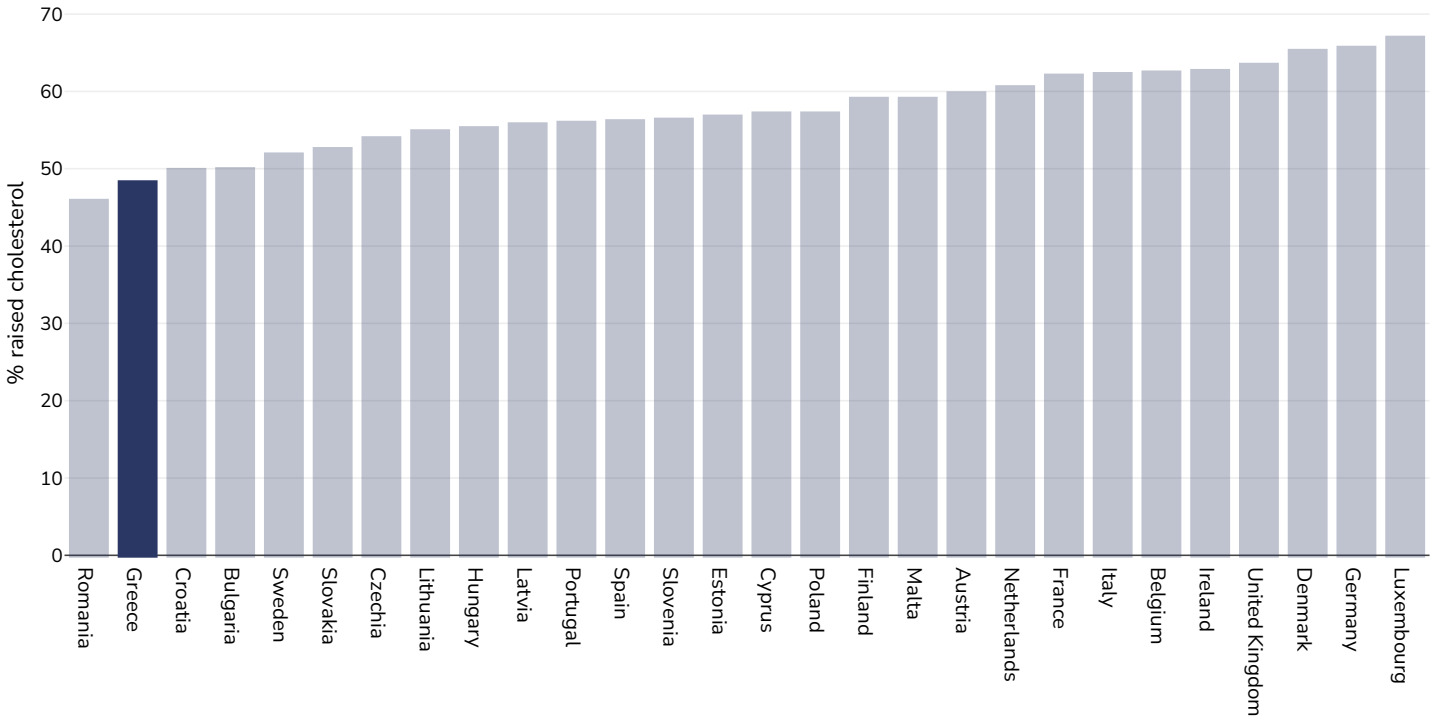
Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



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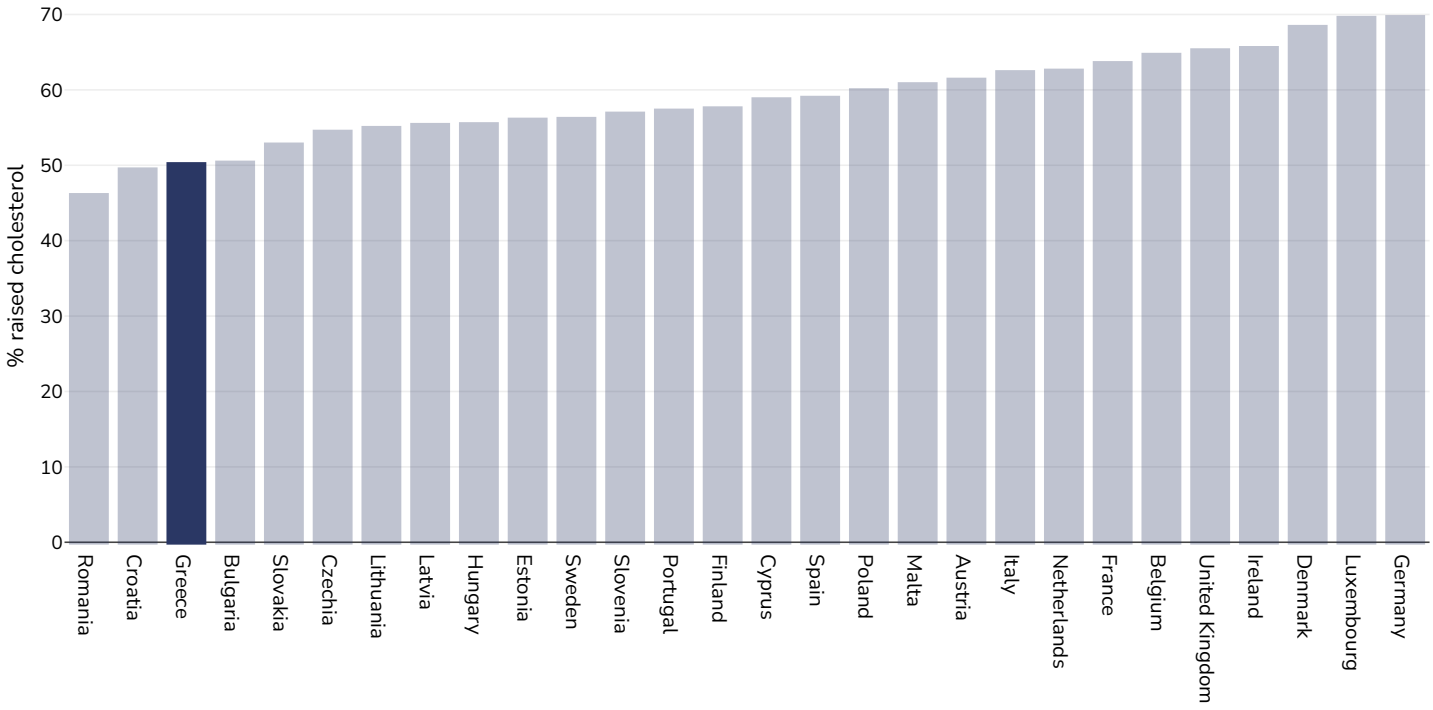
Men, 2008



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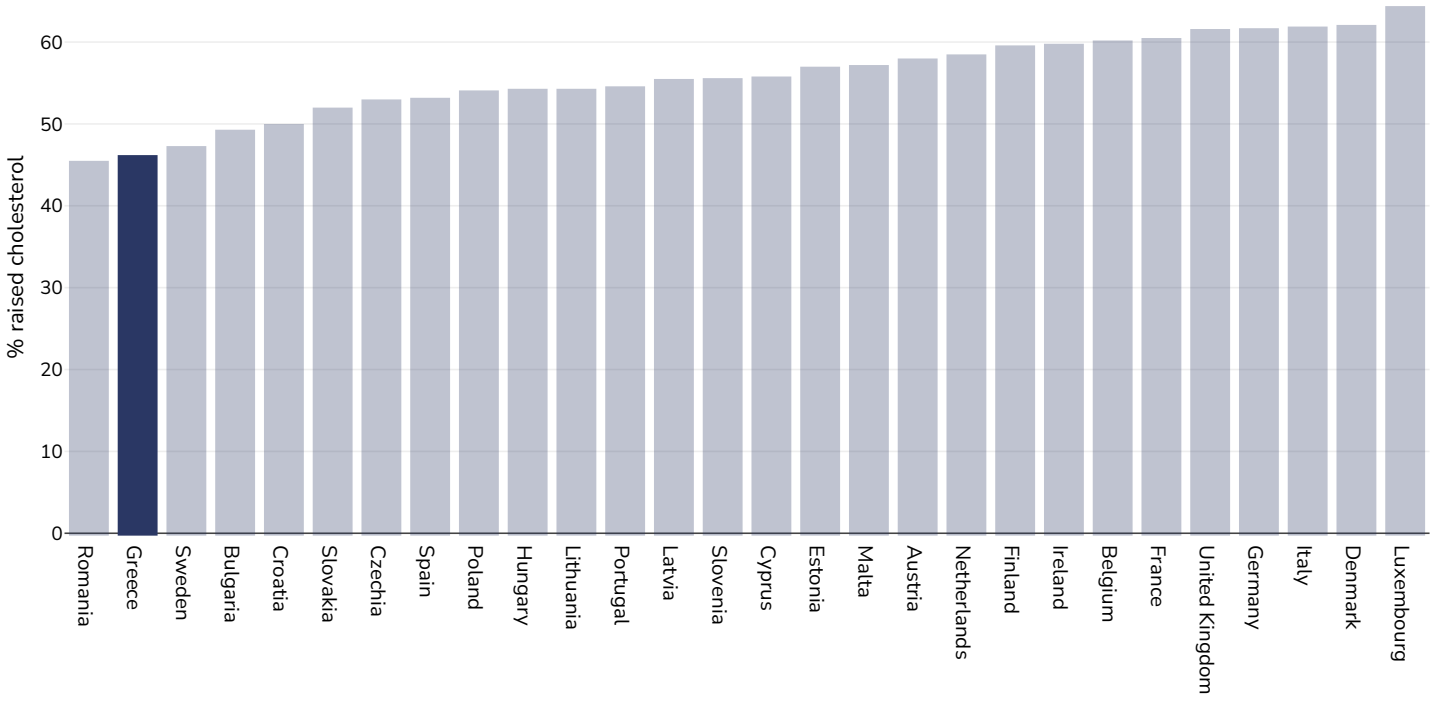
Women, 2008



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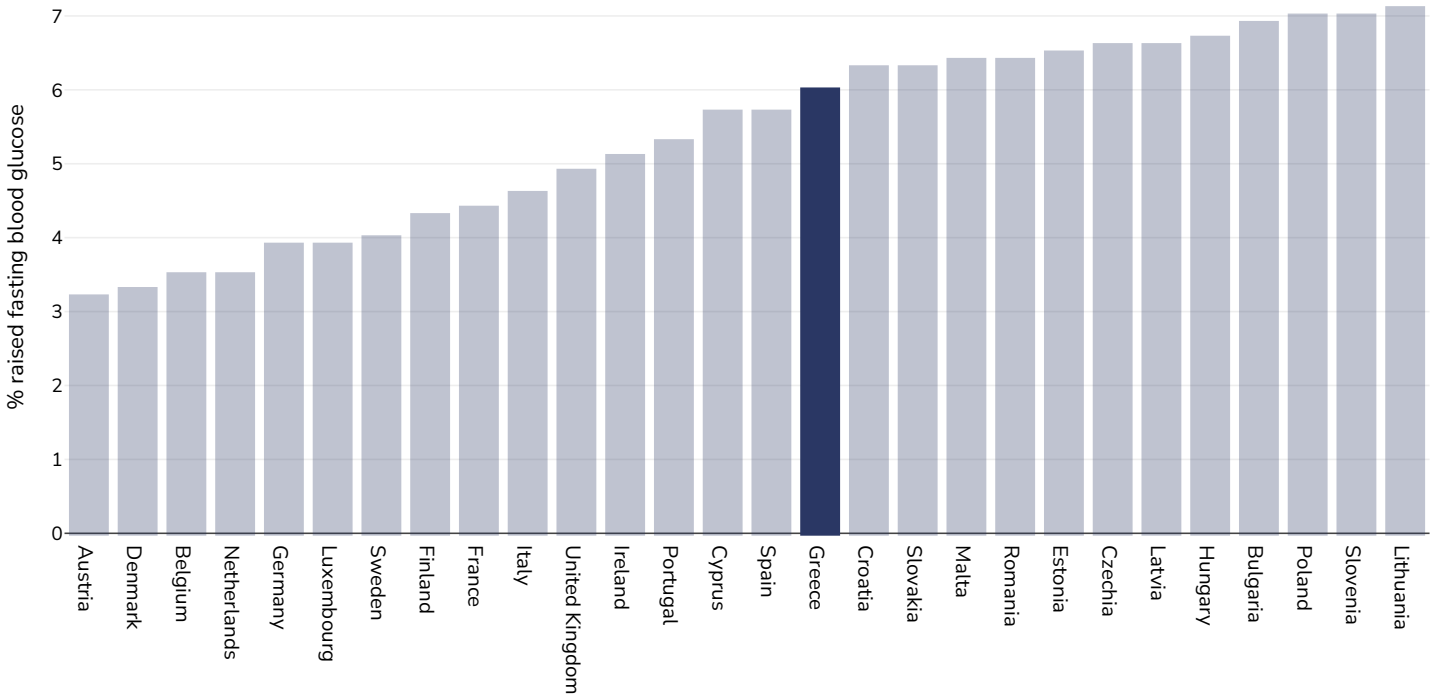
Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



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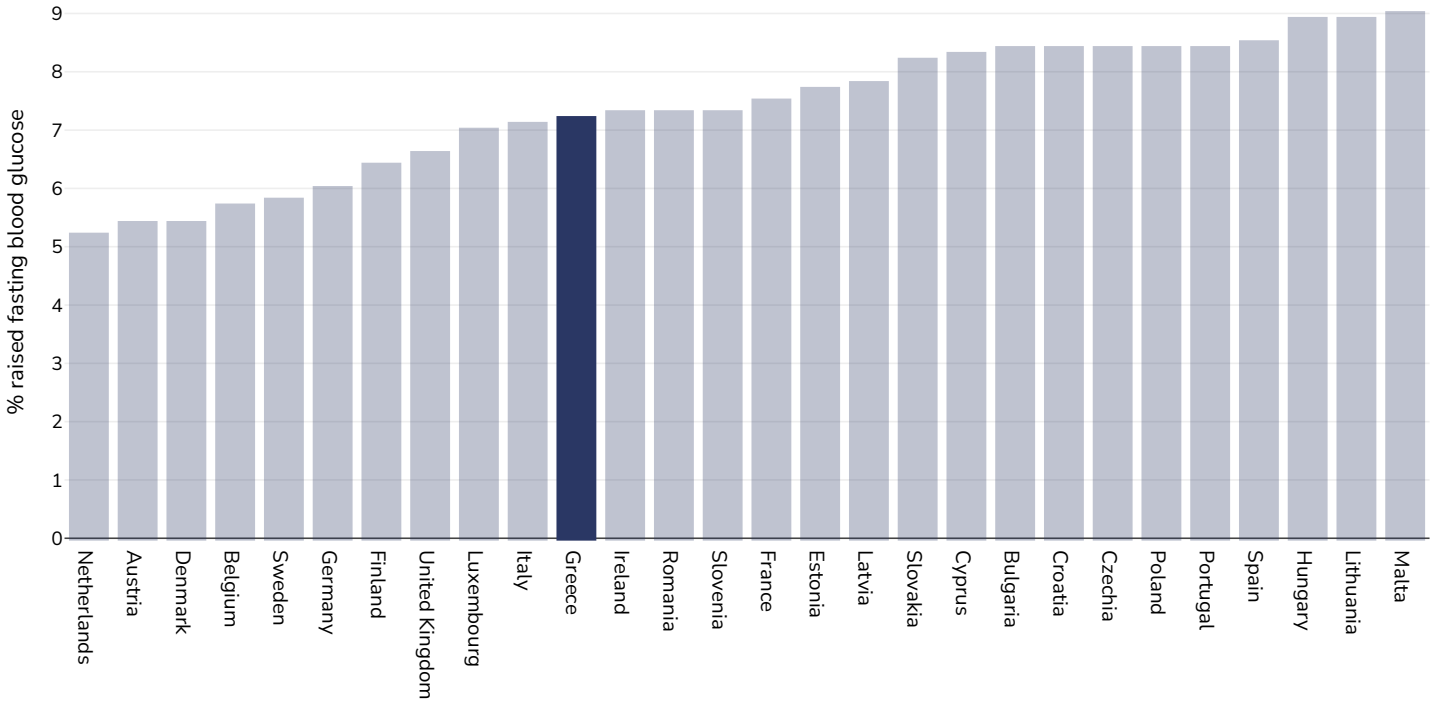

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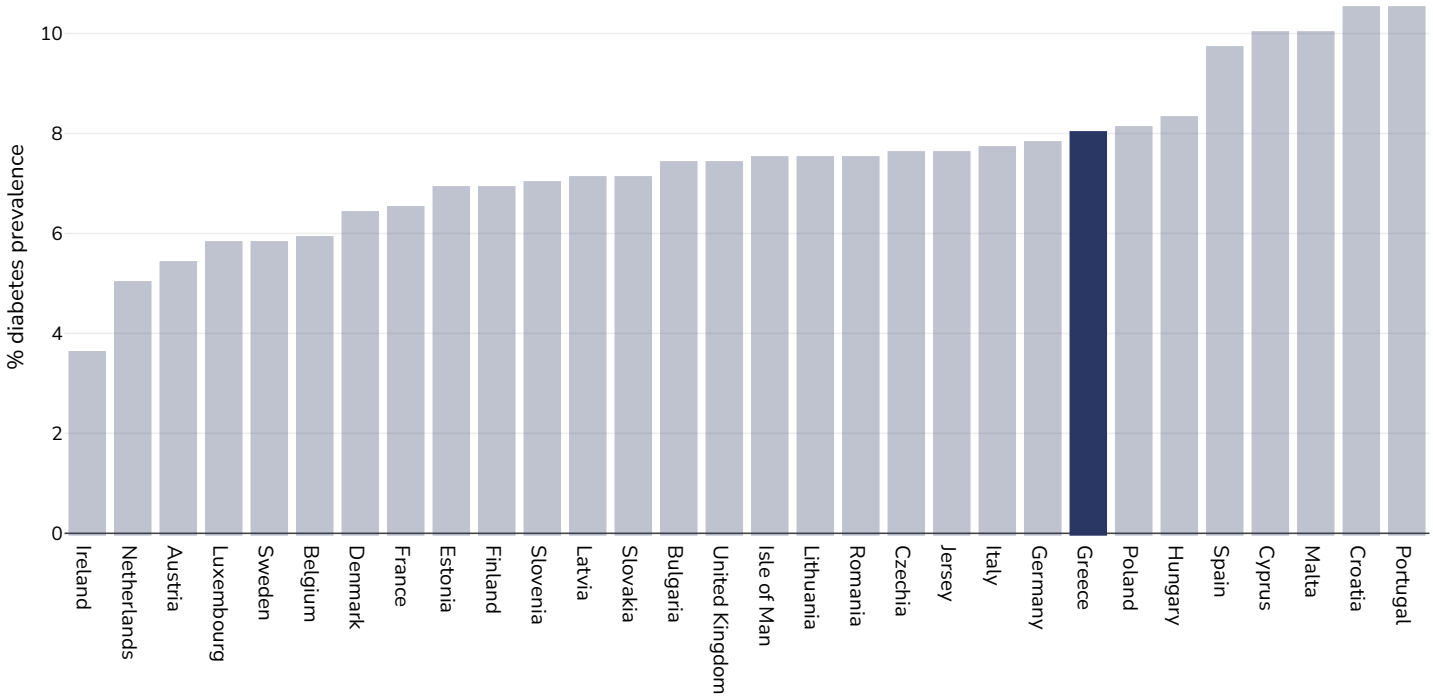
Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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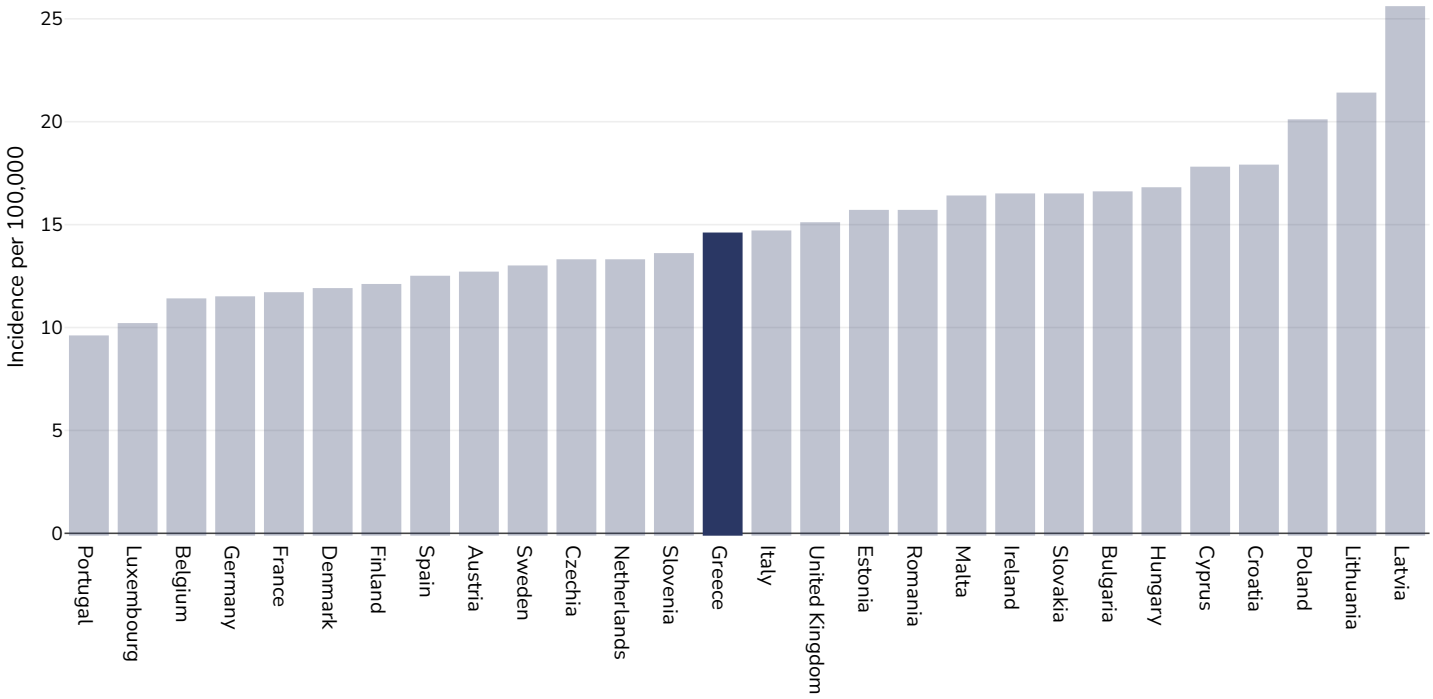
Ovarian Cancer

Women, 2022



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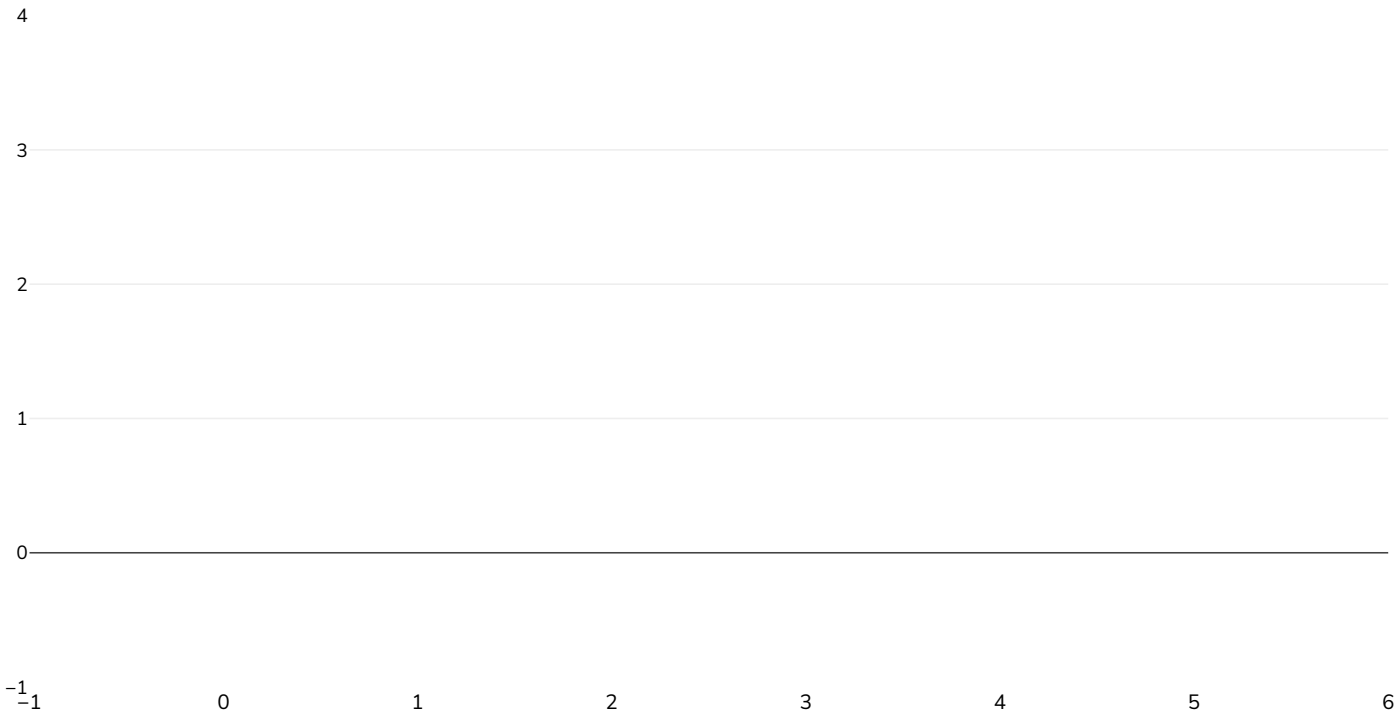
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Leukemia

Men, 2022



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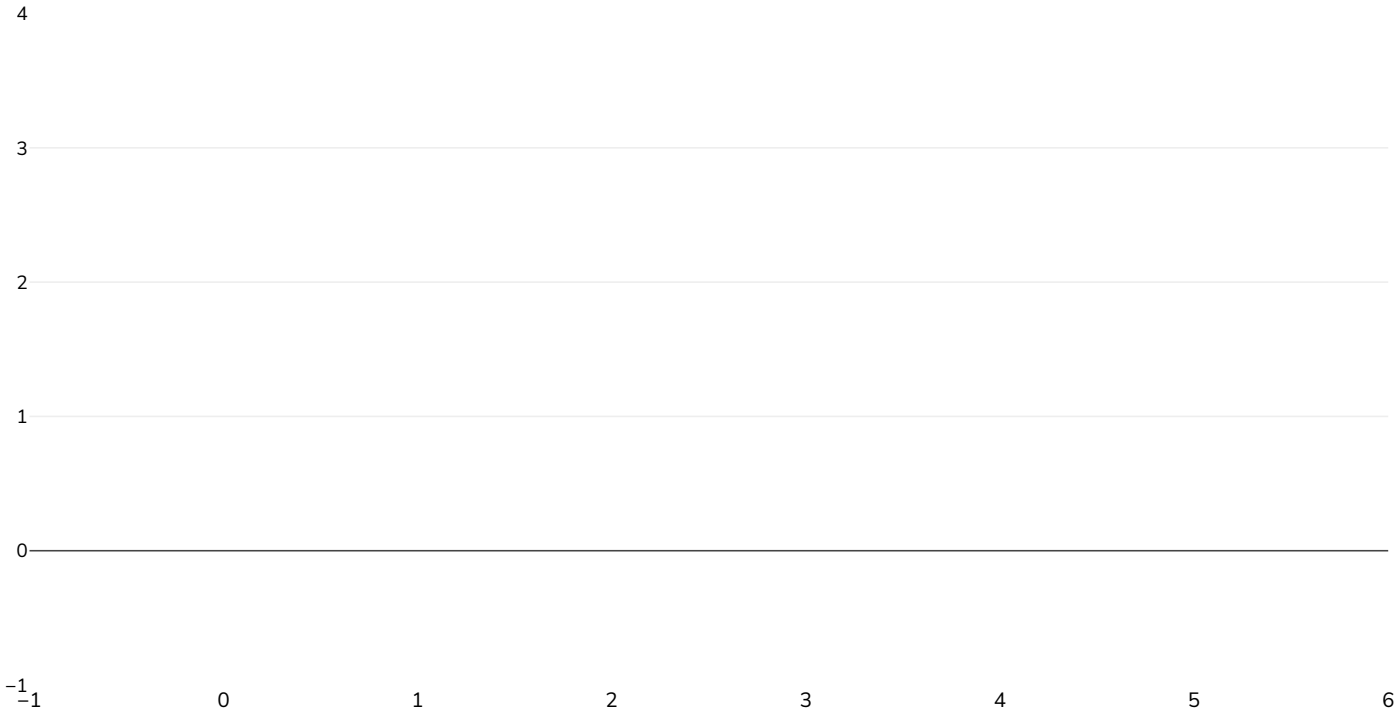

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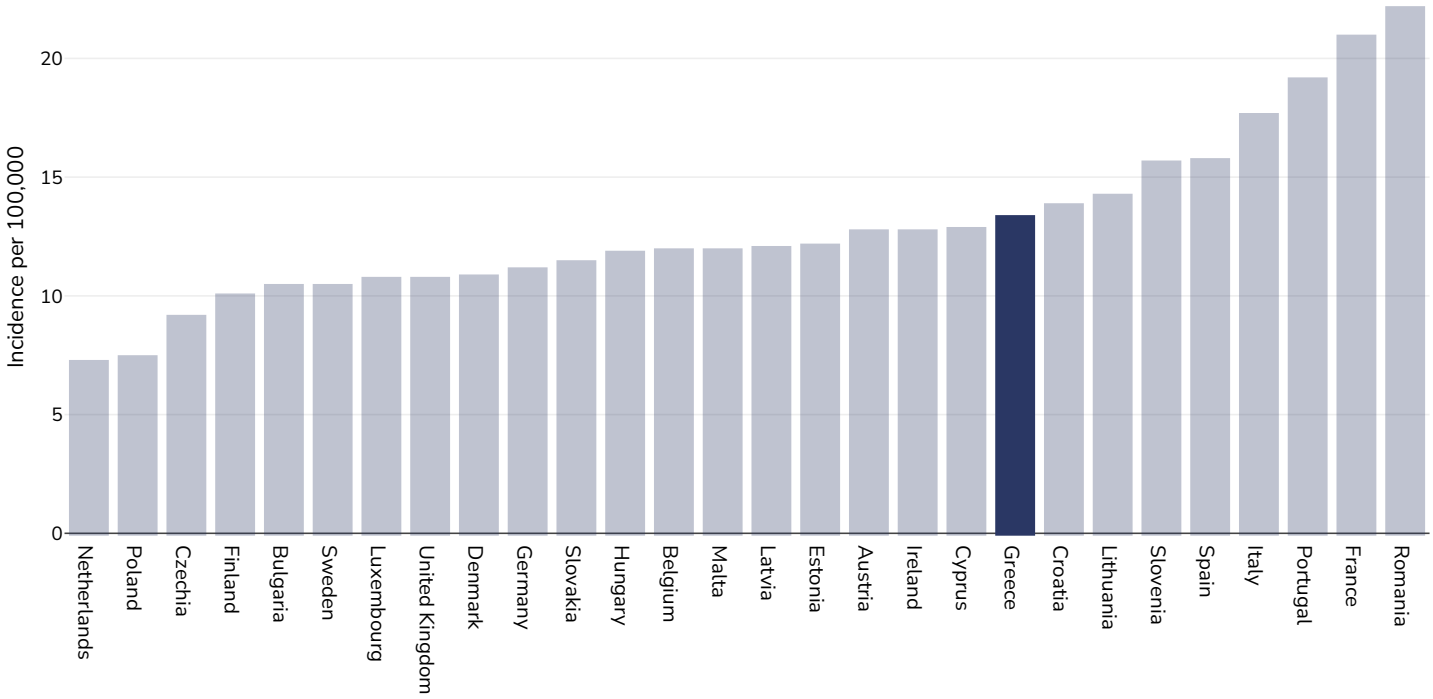
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



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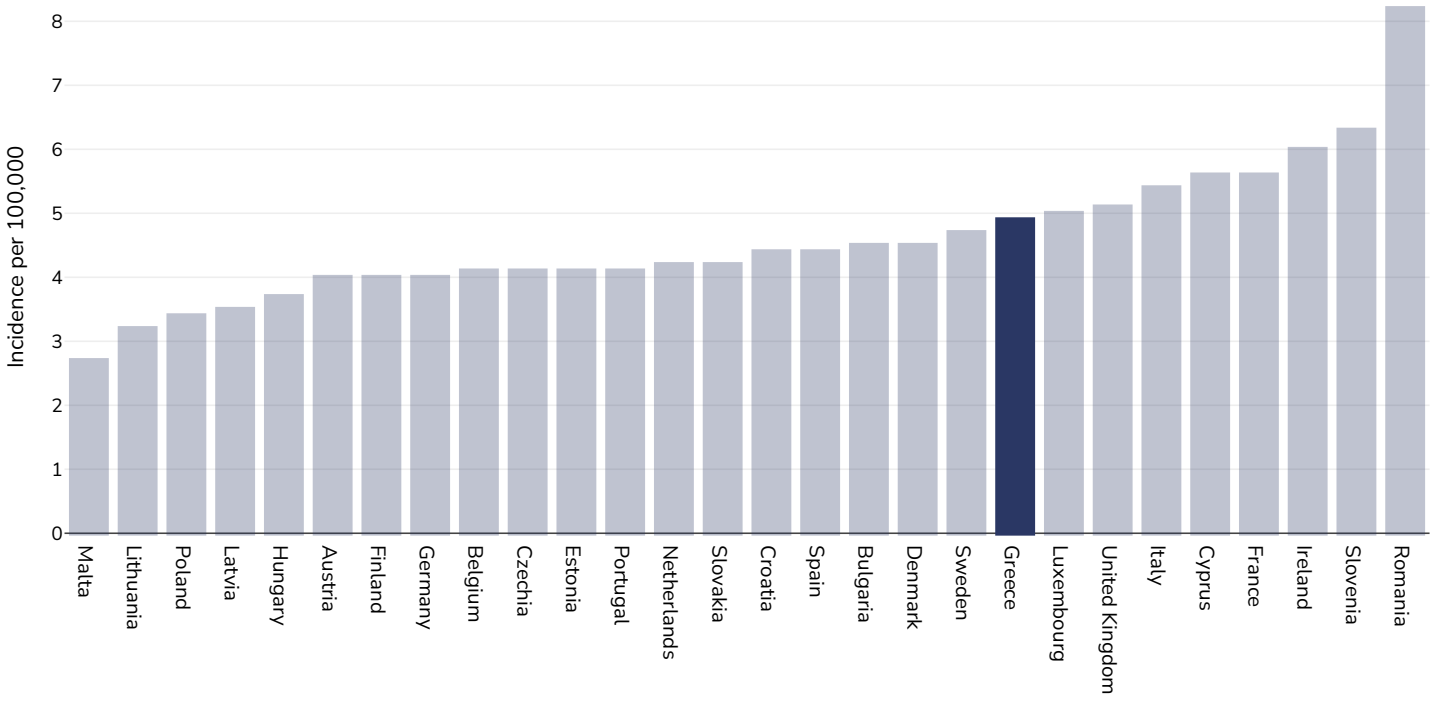

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Multiple Myeloma

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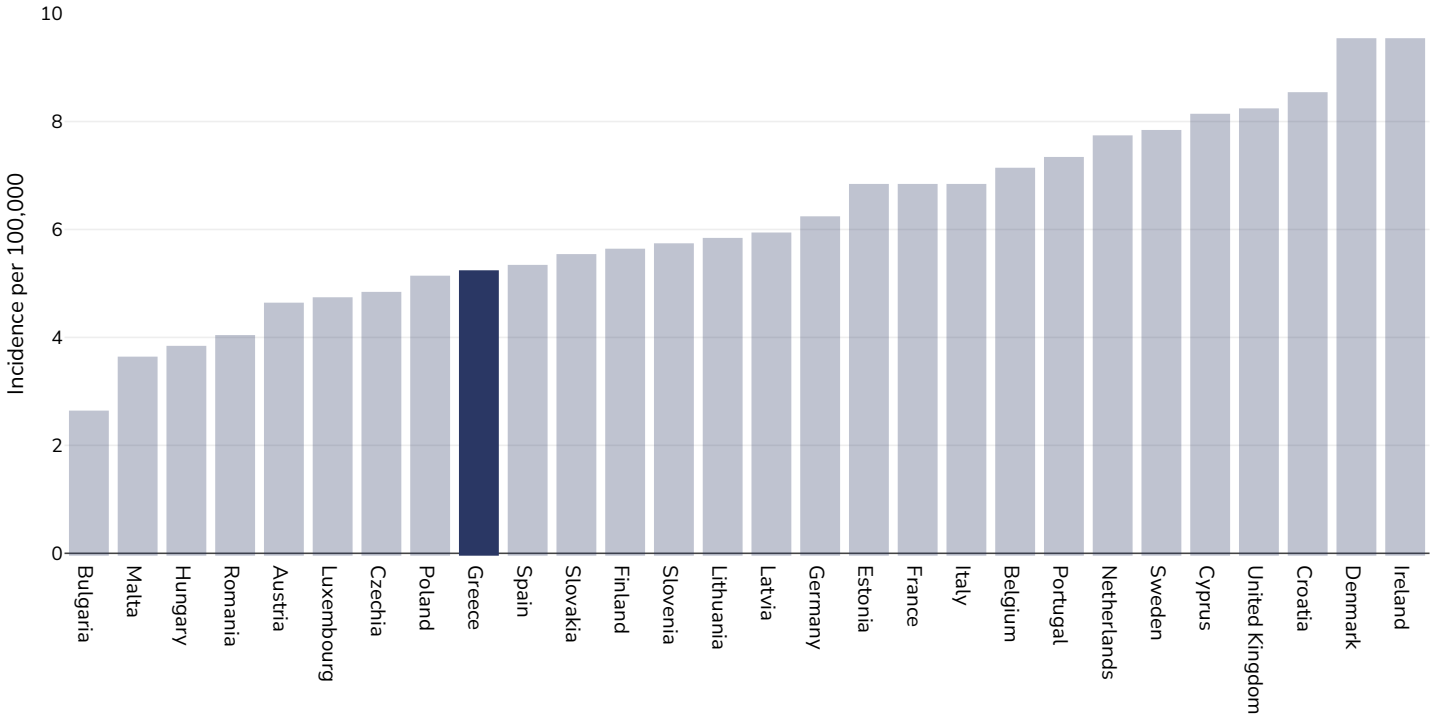

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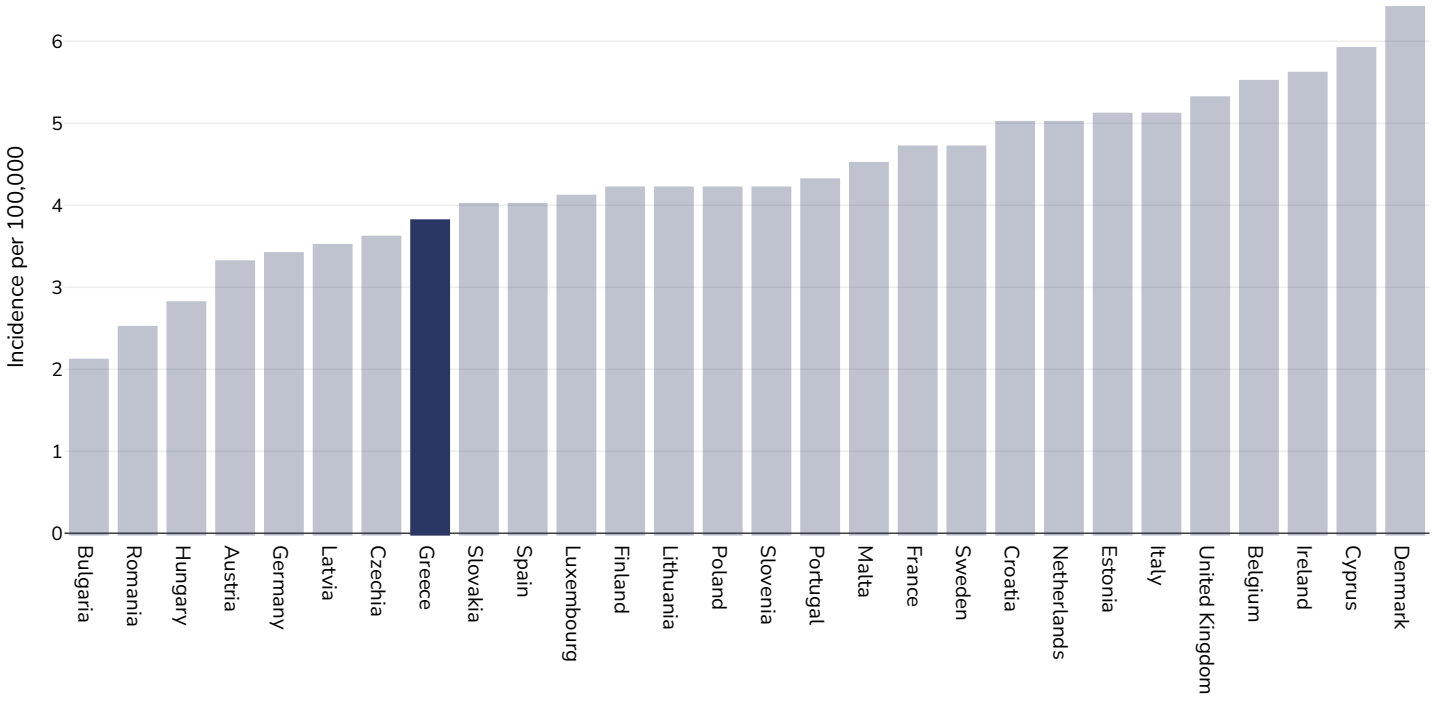

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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

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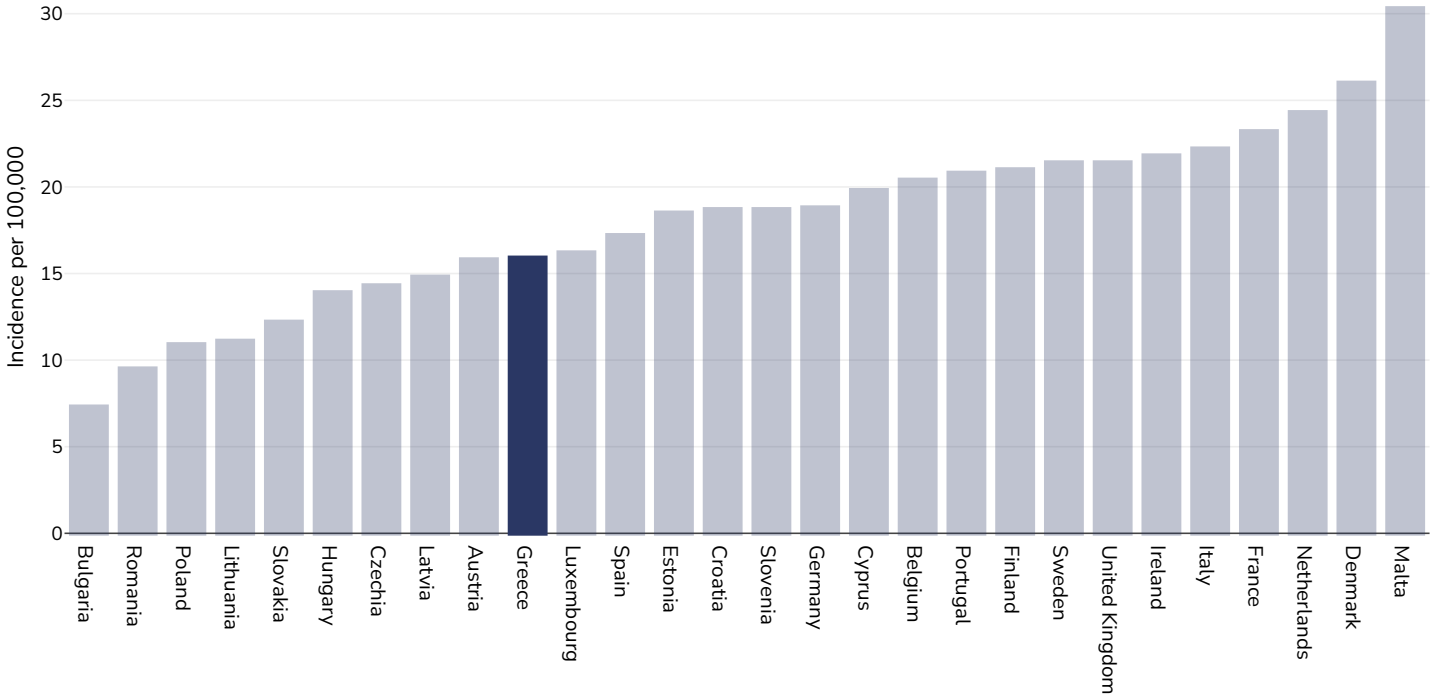

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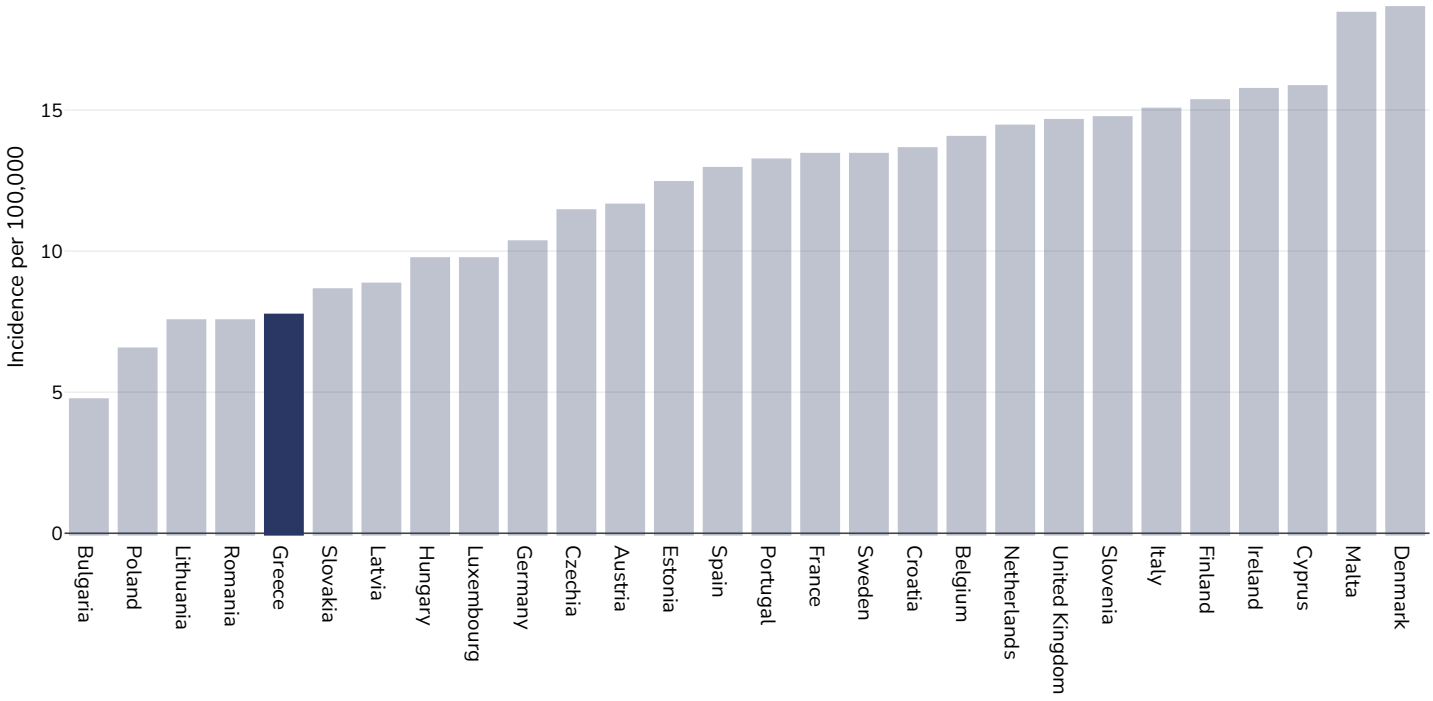

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Thyroid Cancer

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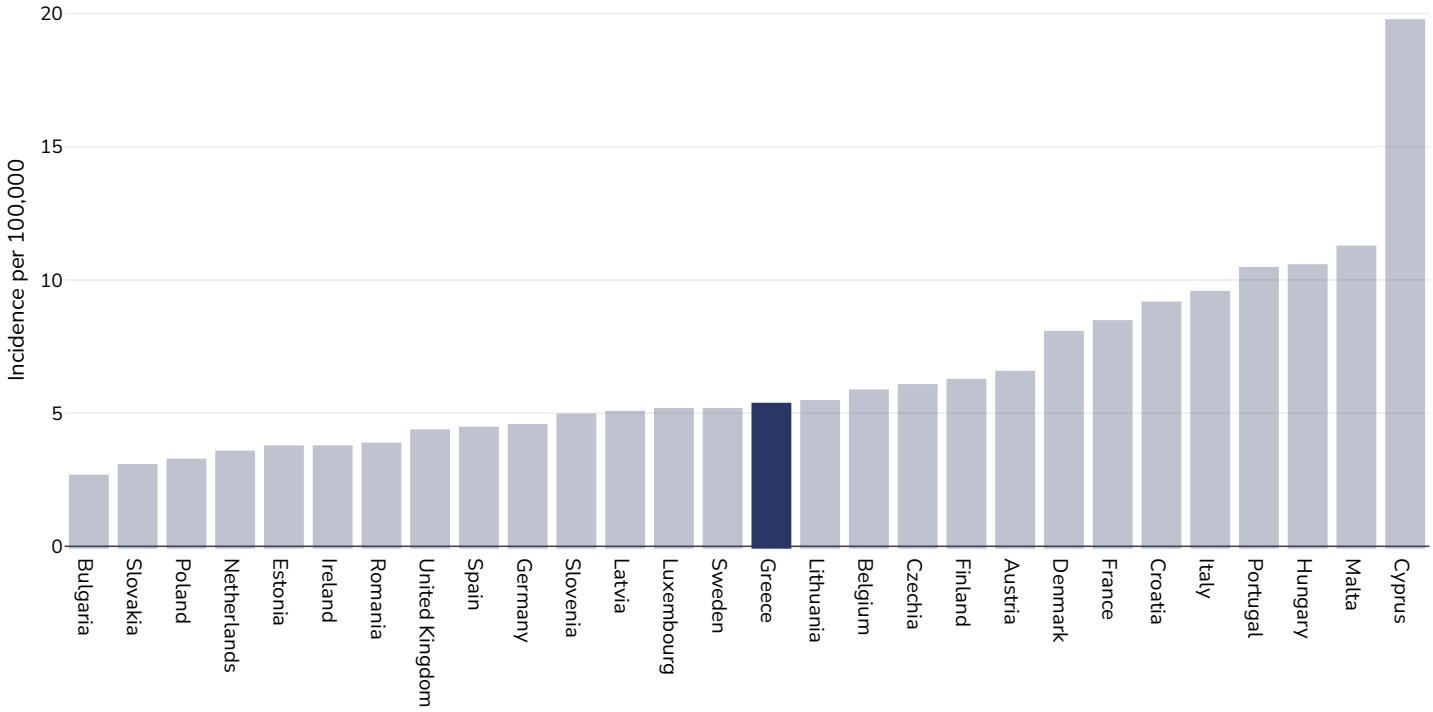

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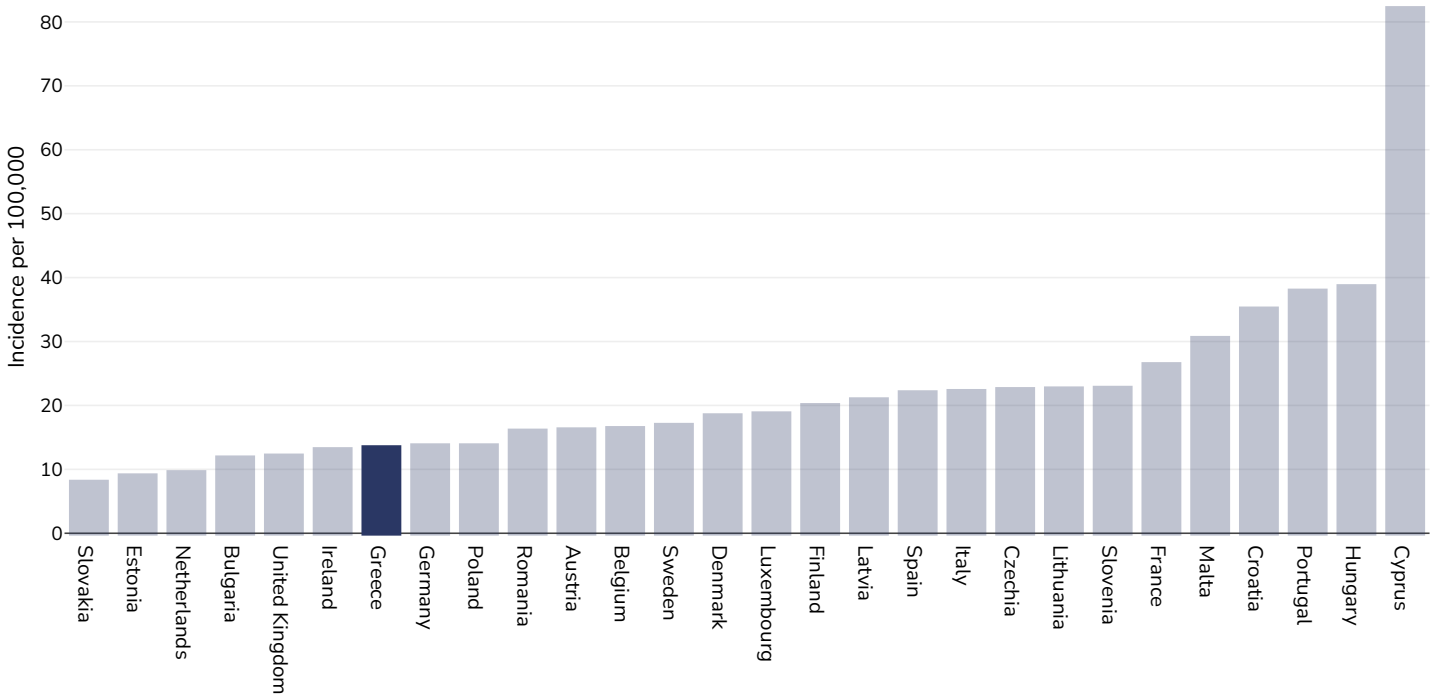

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